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A campus mourns, a campus reflects, a campus heals

"Kathryn and I walk with each and every one of you."
-President Taylor

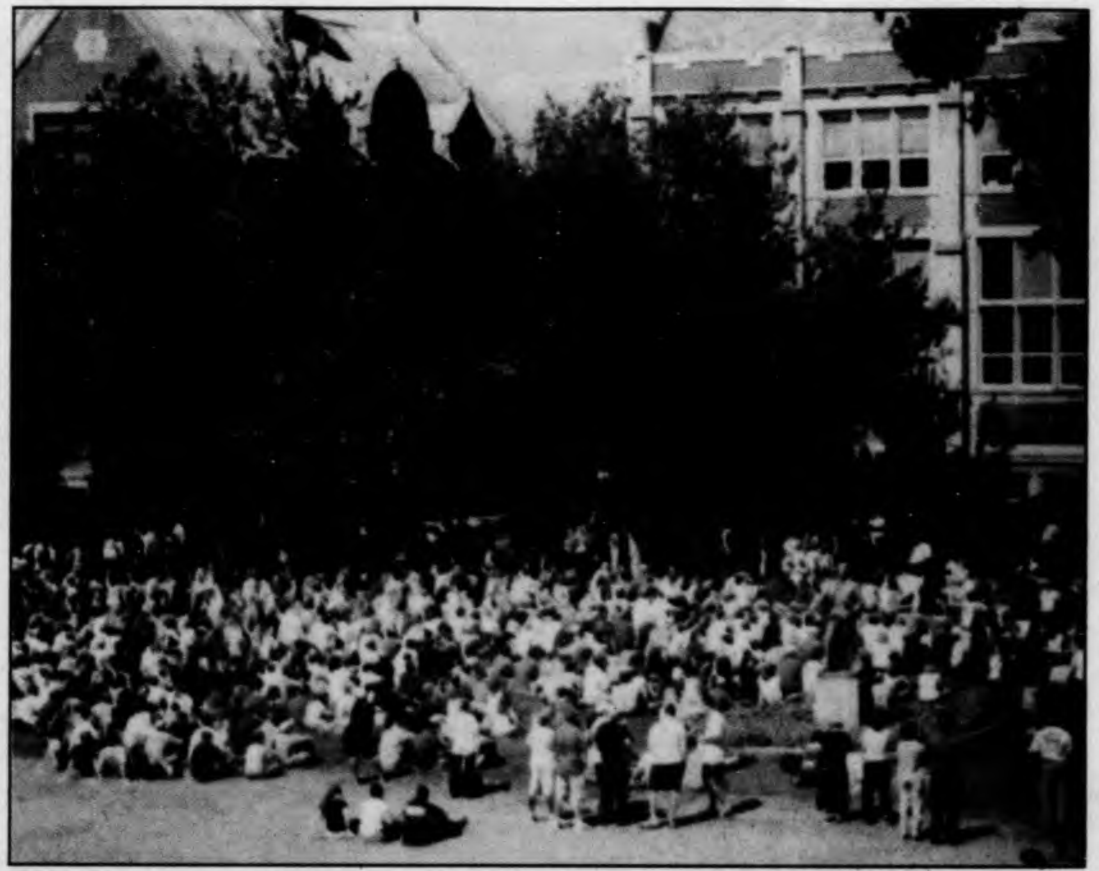
On Tuesday, September 11, the College mourned in the midst of an apparent terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. With estimates of the casualties reaching into the thousands, the College community joined, grieved and hoped for the best. Classes were preempted for a reflective gathering of faculty, staff, administration and students. The College and the nation were forced to grind to a temporary halt as the damage was assessed, the magnitude of this calamity grasped and the true meaningfulness of human life appreciated.

EXPRESSING OUR GRIEF

During a gathering on the College

traditional *Mincha* service. A Yarzheit candle was lit in commemoration of those who tragically lost their lives in the terrorist attacks, and the mourner's kaddish was recited by all present. At the conclusion of services, Patti Mittleman offered the Hillel house as a place of comfort and relief from the overwhelming grief. Overall, the house was filled with a feeling of care, concern and compassion for one another, as well as for the rest of the world.

Also that evening was a Roman Catholic mass. Father Krivac conducted the night service, which drew students and faculty alike to the chapel. Krivac invited attendants to offer their personal petitions. Some attendees wrote their petitions in a notebook. The petitions mostly regarded prayers for those people



Top: Students and faculty gathered in front of Haas at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon to address the events that had taken place a few hours beforehand.

...AND FROM HERE?

"The saddest words of tongue and pen are simply, it might have been."

This campus community and this country must mourn and remember. Forgetting our past is forgetting who we are as a people, a culture, a nation. But, as President Taylor said in his address to the College, "mourning is best when you walk on." Not forgetting, but walking on. Not walking around oblivious to the world, pretending to be okay. What this Country witnessed and experienced was horrific, and it might not yet be over. But life moves on:

Life is not made up of work, food, sleep, and every other habit that fills our days. Life is experiencing, tasting and seeing the possibilities that are before us. Life continues on, whether or not we are aware. Open

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The only certain thing is that all sense of security has been lost.

Every generation has its defining moment or moments. For our parents, it was the assassination of President Kennedy. Nearly all remember the exact time and place when the news was broadcast. For our generation, the horrific and catastrophic events that unfolded before our eyes on Tuesday will never leave our minds.

Perhaps it was the staggering, unbearably staggering, numbers lost. Perhaps it was the unbelievable shock of seeing quintessential monuments of American culture crumble before our eyes. Perhaps it was that Tuesday's events were the first attack of terror on the continental United States. Nonetheless, Tuesday's events will prove

Taylor expressed his dedication to support the entire College community. He emphasized everyone's sadness and stressed that it is important to support each other in this time of mourning. Taylor grieved, saying Tuesday was a "sad, sad, sad day for our country... also for us on the Muhlenberg Campus." He added, "Kathyrn and I walk with each and every one of you."

Religious leaders Patti Mittleman and Chaplain Peter Bredlau offered words of comfort and support. Tuesday evening, the College community gathered again. Students and Faculty raised candles in the air as one, expressing their grief and sadness. Chaplain Peter Breadlau led the ceremony. He cited that now a new generation would be thrust into a situation that nobody should have to deal with.

Jewish students expressed their grief Tuesday afternoon during a Some of the book's entries were devoted to specific friends or family who are mourning their losses.

The mass followed the traditional Roman Catholic format. Students sang hymns, prayed, and offered peace to each other. Students were sent off by Krivac and left the chapel quietly.

UNITY IN THE MIDST OF TRAGEDY

The coming together provided a bastion of hope in view of Tuesday's tragic events. Masses gathered at various points of the day to console one another, providing a standing pool of support even if it was just to provide a hug for comfort or a shoulder to lean on. Any kind of support, no matter how small, was appreciated. Whatever is offered is helpful in this time of tragedy. Help was made available in various capacities, both official and unofficial.

Religious services of several denominations were held. Counseling services are also available. Additionally, a candlelight vigil was held on Tuesday night. Over one hundred and fifty students, faculty and administration gathered for a collective remembrance reflection. "Taps" was played, a moment of silence was observed, and the flag was lowered.

Jennifer Blechman '02 remarked at the vigil, "I've never seen the student body come so close together to lean on each other's shoulders as I did here tonight ... in some way, shape or form, [Tuesday's tragedy] has affected every student here."

The College community demonstrates remarkable spirit to come together in times of calamity for no other purpose than to comfort each other.

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It is this that truly defines and illustrates the "caring college" motif. A caring college is not instituted from the top-down. Concern and compassion are developed on the ground level—among students, faculty, staff and administration.

Bottom, left: As the tragedy unfolded, students turned to others looking for support.

Bottom, right: The American flag was lowered to half-staff in memorial of those that lost their lives.

freeway. A poem reads, "The saddest words of tongue and pen are simply, it might have been." It is not possible to know what's going to happen, but mourn and move on.

THE IMPACT ON AN ENTIRE GENERATION

The post-Vietnam generations have no frame of reference to which they can compare this tragedy. We do not know what to think or what to say or even how to respond to these horrific acts. Hearing people's accounts of what they thought about as they heard the news is rather strange as well. Everything became so trivial. The worries about getting to class or work on time, what to wear, or what the weather was like just became unimportant. The actual events seemed unbelievable and totally surreal. precisely the same way JFK's assassination did for our parents.

The impact of Tuesday's event has only just become. The total impact will not be fully realized for quite some time. Each day we will find out another person that this tragedy has touched upon. The effects know no boundaries; however, it is certain that everyone will remember this day all of his or her life.

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Thoughts From The Home front

It is not an unknown fact to most students that Muhlenberg's student body population has been steadily growing in the past five years. And thus, most people are aware of the difficulties facing the College in terms of where to house the growing number of students in the near future. Recently, Muhlenberg has invested large sums of money into finding new means of student housing. The College now has close to 100 students living in college-leased housing; another 230 students are currently residing in MILE Houses, and 208 students have chosen to live in non-college housing. However, as the College continues to grow, it continues its search for more student housing options.

At the beginning of the semester, there was only one open bed located on the west side of campus, in addition to a few openings here and there on the east side. Since then there has been a small group of students who chose not to return to campus, thus opening a few more spots for on-campus living. But overall, the ability for the College to house any more students at this time is incredibly limited. It is for this reason that the college should take every possible step in finding suitable living conditions for its students.

In the case of the ATO Property, the college should consider returning to the negotiating table with ATO in hopes of reaching an agreement.

Recently, the College was approached by ATO National with an offer to lease their Chew Street property for student housing, but after a thorough review of the property by a building firm, it was concluded that the house would need approximately $100,000 in renovations to make for proper living conditions.

At this point, the College has chosen not to lease the property from ATO National unless the organization is willing to pay for the renovations themselves. Given the current upward trend in the College's reputation, Muhlenberg receives more and more applications each year. Even with the addition of the two new residence halls, other housing options should also be pursued. In the case of the ATO Property, the college should consider returning to the negotiating table with ATO in hopes of reaching some type of agreement. Thus, as the student body continues to grow, the demand for readably available housing does as well. Granted, the college itself is not at fault for the current condition of the facility, but in this case it would be wise of the college to make a strong effort in negotiating with the organization.

The Muhlenberg Weekly would like to extend its deepest condolences to those families who have lost loved ones in the horrible events of Tuesday, September 11th.

Letters to The Editor

To The Editor:

For the past year, Muhlenberg students have watched and stood as bystanders while Israel and the Palestinians have nearly brought themselves to war. Muhlenberg students have long been viewed as being apathetic to the global community. On September 23, 2001 this view has an opportunity to be altered for the good of the college and the holy sites in the Middle East.

This rally is designed to lend support to the Israeli population, both Jewish and Arab, in creating a working and long lasting piece.

That Sunday will be the largest gathering of pro-Israel supporters in over a decade. 250,000 people will be at this event, including Ariel Sharon the Prime Minister of Israel and Shimon Perez, the architect of the Oslo accord and current foreign minister of Israel. 150 Muhlenberg students will gather in support of the State of Israel.

For the past year, the State of Israel has experienced a barrage of horrible attacks designed to terrify and murder its citizens. On the Israeli side, attacks have taken place at restaurants, clubs, busses, and crowded public areas mostly frequented by teenagers, women, and children. Conversely, Palestinian militant leaders have been targeted for assassination in attempt to bring an end to the hostilities. This crossfire between the two sides, that the media refuses to call a war, has affected all people on both sides of the issue. In turn, the State of Israel is suffering in all aspects of its daily life. This includes her economy, her philosophy, and her mentality.

This rally is designed to lend support to the Israeli population, both Jewish and Arab, in creating a working and long lasting peace. On September 23, students from the Muhlenberg campus will be driven by bus to take part in the largest rally in recent memory. Hillel is inviting anyone in the student body to join in on this historic event. The campus ministry, Dean's office, employees, Student Council, and Greek systems are all taking part in this monumental occasion. We urge all students, no matter what ethnicity or religion, to congregate with people from all over North America in lending their support for the people of Israel.

Sincerely,
Justin Groen & Dan Vogel

MUHLENBERG: A YEAR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY SCOTT BURKE

We who share the privilege of a Muhlenberg education are a fortunate group. Although four years is only a short time, the joys of life under the Muhlenberg oaks can be as numerous as you make them.

You will meet some talented faculty. My advisor, Professor John Malsberger, inspired me and my classmates with his brilliant command of history, his graceful lectures, and his enlightening class discussions. Dean Samuel Laposata, perhaps the nicest person on campus, teaches lessons in economics and life which can never be forgotten. Dr. Jadviga da Costa Nunes imbues her lectures on art history with elegance and sophistication. As you progress in your studies, take advantage of this wealth of intellectual power.

Follow your passions outside the classroom as well. Service enriches both the community and the spirit. As a volunteer for the Muhlenberg Admissions Office, I was able to give something back to my college. My volunteer work exposed me to a dynamic and friendly group of professionals. The enthusiasm for Muhlenberg which Dean Christopher Hooker-Haring embodies and which is shared by his staff, reflects all that is right and good with Muhlenberg. Another person who embodies the virtues of Muhlenberg is Dean Rudy Ehrenberg. After four years of involvement with several student activities, I learned that all you have to do to realize that Dean Ehrenberg is a man of substance is to shake his hand.

Much of the joy of Muhlenberg life comes from the friends one makes here. Trips to the Farmer's Market, late night Frisbee Golf matches, the noontime "Turtle Talk" crowd in Parents' Plaza: although most of my friends have now graduated, were we to wake tomorrow in a room in East or Brown, we would feel right at home.

The freedom Muhlenberg gives you to explore your interests both inside and outside of the classroom is a special thing. Whether you join a team or a service group, travel to Europe or to Washington, study the arts or the sciences; enjoy each day, your classes, and your new friendships. My years at Muhlenberg were ones of growth, both intellectually and spiritually. I wish the same for you.

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Princeton, Penn and Muhlenberg - Oh My!

Jordana Jaffe
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

It seems that every year, President Arthur Taylor has applauded the incoming freshmen, boasting about how they are the smartest, most energetic class to matriculate at Muhlenberg College yet. He has proudly exclaimed that their class has brought record-breaking statistics to the College community. We have all heard this praise from "Uncle Artie," and yet he continues to tell the next class that they are the best yet.

When given this recognition as freshmen, many students pride themselves as members of the class that have left the College's admissions staff in awe. However, once we are sophomores, juniors, and seniors, does it really mean all that much to us that the incoming freshman class is the most impressive yet? Maybe to some, but most upperclassmen probably feel unaffected by the increasing quality of every incoming freshman class.

Perhaps students wonder whether the new class is truly the best or if it is just commended to promote class solidarity and self-regard. Well, you need not wonder any more. The class of 2005 is undoubtedly noted for its great enthusiasm and genuine character according to Dean of Admission Christopher Hooker-Haring. Over one third of the College's first year students were in the top tenth of their high school classes. Fifty-nine students of the applicants of the 2005 class had applied to Tufts University, while forty-nine had been among applicants to Princeton. As a result, Muhlenberg College is now in close competition with more selective schools.

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A message to all upperclassmen: please do not feel unaffected by the increasing quality of every incoming freshman class any longer. The rising character of each incoming class increases Muhlenberg's reputation, which, in turn, increases the value of every student's college degree. Every year, a Muhlenberg degree is deemed more valuable than it was the previous year. Therefore, each student has played an instrumental part in not only helping increase the college's standing, but also in bettering every student's future including his or her own.

So, how has Muhlenberg's reputation grown at such an impressively fast rate? Dean Hooker-Haring explains that increased media visibility has played a vital role in elevating Muhlenberg's status. "As our visibility has increased, the size of our applicant pool has grown, which allows us to be selective, which leads to higher academic quality." Muhlenberg's name has been seen in a number of esteemed publications, such as the *Wall Street Journal, The New York Times*, and most recently *Newsweek* magazine.

Furthermore, the College's record-breaking applicant pools are also a result of Muhlenberg's position as a "caring college." Hooker-Haring asserts, "Putting students at the center of everything we are as an institution" is of great importance to the College.

Clearly, Muhlenberg College shows admiration, care, and concern for all of its students. We, the students, are Muhlenberg's first priority. Moreover, the College believes in improving the quality of the student body as demonstrated every year when Admissions consider applicants for the incoming freshman class. We must acknowledge and appreciate that the College enrolled the class of 2005 not only to advance its status among competing colleges, but also to better the entire student body, freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors alike.

Tragedy In Our Backyard

Lucas Tomanelli
Op/Ed Editor

For all members of our generation, this great nation has always symbolized a type of utopian society. The United States has accumulated, by far, the most wealth of any country in the world. Our government is that of a democracy, and thus, no American citizen has ever had the misfortune of having to live his or her lives under any type of monarchical or authoritarian system. The US has always been thought to be the ultimate paradise for those that desire a free, unlimited life, and where the thought of uncontrollable violence and mass-terrorism is non-existent. In recent history, the citizens of the US considered the massive tragedy that took place at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 to be the only act of mass-violence to ever strike us on our own soil. However--to the unexpected horror of Muhlenberg Students and American citizens alike--Tuesday, September 11th brought the first massive assault on the people of the United States in fifty years, and the first act of large scale international terrorism ever in the continental United States.

As students and faculty began receiving word of the attack on our great nation, a flood of uncontrollable emotion found itself resonating among members of the community as they gathered on academic row, in Seegers Union, and throughout numerous different locations on campus. At 12:30 p.m., President Taylor, Dean Ehrenberg, Rev. Bredlau and Student Body President Elias Saratovsky spoke to the student body concerning the atrocious acts that began taking place just four hours earlier. Despite their courageous efforts, little could be done to protect us from the realities of the current situation.

From now on, things are going to be different for each and every one of us, not only as a college community, but also as a nation. As we traverse the lush greens and converse among the Muhlenberg campus, we will undoubtedly come across members of the community--in some cases, strangers to us--who are visually distraught. Instead of walking by and continuing on our way, as we would've in the past, take a few moments out of your day to ask them if they need to talk. In the midst of such tragedy, it is our responsibility as members of the Muhlenberg student and faculty bodies to form a supportive network for those who need us. For those of you that lost loved ones in this ghastly attack on the American people, the student, faculty and staff of Muhlenberg pray for you. I wish the best for each and every one of you as we hope for a future of peace and global unity. Good luck and God Bless.

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Weekly Discourse: Bush's First Nine Months In Office

Stunning success or utter failure?

Leigh Somerville
Lucia Sueltz
Weekly Guest Columnists

So the inevitable has occurred... Dubya has taken office. And we can only help but wonder what has Bush done over these past ten months as our new commander in chief? The answer is, a lot.

He has done wonders to set back the reproductive rights of women. On the 28th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Bush struck the biggest blow to women's rights in over a decade. On this date, he ceased funding to global organizations which provided abortion services and counseling. Regardless of whether you are pro-choice or pro-life, this matter is worthy of your attention. Many of these overseas clinics did more than just offer abortions. For women in developing nations, they were often the only source of preventative care, STD testing and birth control. Access to birth control directly correlates to population control. It was almost two years ago that the world's population hit six billion and, thanks to Bush, this number will only increase more rapidly. Bush's decision to cut funding to foreign abortion clinics is also interesting, considering abortion is still legal in this country. Or at least it was the last time we checked. Buckle your seatbelts -- that was his second day in office.

> *Commenting on Bush's environmental policy, Jay Leno once said "It's like he's sending kindergardeners into the rainforest in SUVs equipped with chainsaws."*

And what about global warming? Bush seems to be a thorn in the side of environmental activism. He has struck discord with 37 modern industrial nations by refusing to sign the Kyoto treaty. This treaty will reduce emissions to 5.2% below 1990 levels by the year 2012. This would mean the US would need to reduce emissions by 7% per year, 1% less than the standard agreed upon by European nations. By signing this treaty, Bush would have helped prevent global warming, floods, droughts, rising sea levels, and an increase in deadly diseases such as malaria and respiratory infections. Commenting on Bush's environmental policy, Jay Leno once said, "It's like he's sending kindergardeners into the rainforest in SUVs equipped with chainsaws." We agree.

Of course, these were not all of Bush's endeavors. Let us not forget stem cell research, tax cuts, education ... the list is endless. Far too many topics for us to discuss in our allotted space. This so-called, "compassionate conservative", seems to be following an outwardly right wing agenda. Bush has "accomplished" more than we ever thought he would have. In his own words, "the American public has misunderestimated me." Yes, Dubya, perhaps we have.

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John Kreider
Weekly Guest Columnist

On January 21st, 2001, America looked on as we ushered in a new president, a focused politician on the verge of spearheading a conservative revolution. After we spent a tumultuous eight years under a president that defiled the office, this compassionate conservative stood ready to return morality and value to our nation.

George W. Bush entered the White House with a full agenda. He got right to work by putting a controversial halt of national spending on abortion counseling. Next, he worked with lawmakers and leading religious figures to divert federal money to faith-based charities. Bush certainly looked like the energized young Republican leader we elected.

After this quick start, Bush met his first international problem when the Chinese government seized and held United States' troops from a military plane that crashed in China. Bush's response was tentative and drawn-out. One reason President Bush was elected was because he was a zero-tolerance military man. Bush should have made an ultimatum and followed through. Although it ended well, Bush looked a little shaken.

Bush's next step was to solve a domestic problem, the much publicized tax-cut. George W. Bush once again looked quite good as he followed through on a seemingly impossible task. Although he didn't get the 1 trillion dollar tax-cut he desired, he came pretty close and delivered with startling haste, despite a Senate that had recently shifted allegiances to the Democratic party.

During his struggle for tax-reform, President Bush was faced with another problem. The relationship between the United States and OPEC had taken a turn for the worse. Due to American oil supply concerns, Bush toyed with the idea of drilling in Alaska. Democrats responded with startling rage. The environmentalists of this country gave over-calculated and hastily-produced warnings of habitat destruction. How would drilling into the ground affect land-dwelling animals? Some might have to relocate but certainly not die. I feel that liberals were opposed to this idea mainly because it came from George Bush, not because it was a bad idea.

Most recently, Bush was posed with a sensitive issue that would challenge his election promises and his value for human life, the decision on stem cell research. After meetings with politicians from both sides of the issue, his own advisors, and even the Pope, Bush decided to allow stem cell research on those fetuses already destroyed. The only redeeming stipulation on this decision was to not allow any other fetuses to be destroyed. Conservatives around the nation, including this one, were up in arms. This decision violated campaign promises, tarnished his image as a pro-life leader, and made his constituents question his ability to carry out his hard-line agenda.

Bush's first nine months in office have been incredibly questionable so far to the Republicans that elected him. He's seemed almost too willing to compromise with liberals that don't support his agenda. Bush will need to become a stronger leader for us Republicans to have faith in him for another term.

Jon Kreider is a Sophomore

Dr. Chris Borick
Weekly Columnist

While the presidential election of 2000 was filled with historic levels of confusion and uncertainty regarding a true winner, the final outcome firmly established the groundwork for any short-term appraisals of the effectiveness of the George W. Bush administration. The acrimony and divisiveness that developed during the month long battle for the resolution of the campaign created a situation where Bush's initial policies and actions would inevitably be viewed through two widely distinct lenses of public opinion. For the supporters of the President, any initiatives and efforts introduced by the Bush White House would likely be met with reactionary rallying support. Conversely, for individuals embittered by the election outcome there was little chance of a "honeymoon period" where the President's work would be greeted with grudging acceptance. While such public reaction to the initial forays of the Bush presidency was predictable, the President's early record has enhanced the divide.

For individuals looking for signs of a positive start to the Bush years, numerous actions of the President can be brought forth as evidence. As a candidate, Bush promised tax relief for the American public if elected to office, and within the first months of his inauguration he delivered on his promise. For supporters, this was confirmation of the ascendancy of an administration that would follow through on election promises and therefore earn the trust of the American public. Conversely, individuals who opposed Bush last fall view the tax cut as a reckless policy that threatens the stability of the federal budget and demonstrates the President's lack of judgement.

Similarly, Bush's support for advancement of a missile defense system in the wake of substantial international protest has been championed as a sign of strong leadership by his supporters, while detractors cite such policies as evidence of a dangerous new unilateralism that increasingly isolates America from its allies. In other areas such as environmental and energy policy, the divide between supporters and opponents is widened by policies such as the President's opposition to the Kyoto Accords. When the administration broke with most of the world's industrial nations by pulling out of the agreement it served as confirmation of Bush's disregard for environmental protection to those who opposed his candidacy, while his supporters view the President's position as protection for the nation's vital economic interests.

Perhaps the best evidence of the enhanced divide which came out of the 2000 election debacle can be found in the President's approval ratings. Between January and September of 2001 President Bush's public approval marks have remained strikingly consistent, with approximately 55% of the public providing Bush with a favorable ranking throughout his term in office. This consistency in approval is uncommon among first year presidents who often see their numbers rise and drop as their initial "honeymoon" transition period ends. The consistency of Bush's numbers demonstrates an entrenchment among the public that can be traced back to the turmoil of last November. Put more simply, it appears that those who supported Bush remain loyal, and those who opposed him remain dissatisfied. While time may allow the public to form opinions on the Bush presidency more from the administration's policies than from a reaction to the events surrounding the election, it appears that some wounds heal very slowly.

A bed for every student

By Alex Fichtel
Weekly Staff Writer

As the semester began, there was only one empty bed on the freshman side of campus, and only a few vacancies for upperclassmen. The number of vacant beds has risen slightly due to last minute decisions by students to leave the College or find alternative housing.

The inability of capital improvement projects to keep pace with soaring admissions numbers is to blame for the tight housing situation. Despite this, the College was able to fulfill its commitment to all students.

Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg was proud to announce, "We were able to provide College housing for every student."

Meeting this commitment, however, was no simple task. According to Aaron Bova, Assistant Director of Residential Services, the College used a variety of options available to make room for everyone.

Some students were moved from the rooms they chose during the lottery to other housing options. Bova emphasized, however, that fewer forced moves were required than in recent years. One new room was created in Martin Luther by converting a computer lab into a double. There are 230 students in MILE houses. The College expanded its leased properties this summer to meet the housing crunch. There are now approximately 100 students living in college leased residences. These include Tremont Apartments, Spring Ridge and a newly leased property on Tilghman Street.

"We never encourage students to live off campus, but we expect that some will make that choice."
Aaron Bova
Residential Services

Once the new dorms are completed the College will be ending some of these leases and moving students into the new buildings next semester.

There are currently 208 students living outside the College housing system. Bova emphasized, "We never encourage students to live off campus, but we expect that some will make that choice." He pointed out that some colleges have had to ask students to find their own housing.

Muhlenberg is not unlike other small liberal arts colleges nationwide, meeting the same crunch between increased enrollment and limited housing options. Even in the midst of this housing crunch, no students

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Student leaders resign

By Matt Meyers
Assistant News Editor

With two resignations from Student Council officers already this semester, it will not just be freshmen voting on September 24th. Last week at the first Student Council meeting, Tyler Holmberg offered his resignation as President of the Class of 2004.

He cited, "...right now, there are greater causes and needier institutions than being part of student government." Holmberg also thanked his peers for the honor of being elected, and for the lessons he has learned.

He went on to say "Mike Geller will replace me as described in the role in his position as Vice President of the Class of 2004." Geller's position as president may be temporary; nominations for the position openings will be accepted from any member of the class until 5 p.m. on September 14th.

Holmberg's was not the only resignation of the semester. Senior class representative Marah Ritchey also stepped down from her position earlier this semester. After an offer for the position of Presidential Assistant to the Office of Alumni Relations, she had to make a decision. Richey left in good graces after citing her "great admiration for the president [and] high regards for the professionalism and dedication of the group."

"Mike Geller will replace me as described in the role as Vice President of the Class of 2004"
Tyler Holmberg, '04

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 29 -- Welfare Check -- The parents of a Brown Hall resident needed to find students whereabouts.

Aug. 30 -- Vehicle Towed -- The city of Allentown towed a non-student's vehicle.

Aug. 30 -- Suspicious Persons -- An East Hall resident reported suspicious people around the dormitory. They turned out to be three East residents.

Aug. 30 -- Lost Property -- A student reported a lost blue parking permit.

Aug. 30 -- Exposure -- A male approximately 5'8" to 5'9", 160-170 pounds, wearing khaki pants was sighted exposing himself.

Aug. 30 -- Order of Protection -- A student issued an order of protection from her former boyfriend.

Aug. 31 -- Alcohol Violation -- Two Martin Luther students referred to the Dean of Students for alcohol and noise violations.

Aug. 31 -- Reports of Smoke -- Smoke coming from a discarded cigarette in a mulch pile at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Aug. 31 -- Injured Student -- A Walz Hall student cut his toe.

Aug. 31 -- Possession of Stolen Property -- A detour sign was found in 2214 Chew Street, the student was referred the Dean of Students.

Aug. 31 -- Alcohol Violation -- Residents in Benfer found with alcohol and a potato gun. The students were referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 1 -- Fire Safety Violation -- Students in Benfer Hall were referred to the Dean for burning candles.

Sept. 1 -- Alcohol Violation -- Three students were referred to the Dean of Students for alcohol violations.

Sept. 2 -- Fire Alarm -- Smoke from a frying pan triggered a fire alarm in a house at 415 Leh Street.

Sept. 2 -- Information -- A neighbor reported students in his backyard consuming alcohol.

Sept. 3 -- Vandalism -- Magic markers were used in the Center for the Arts to draw obscenities on the wall and keyboards.

Sept. 3 -- Stolen Property -- Students in Benfer Hall were referred to the Dean's office for the possession of stolen Penn DOT signs.

Sept. 5 -- Sick Student -- A student living in Prosser was treated for an alcohol-related illness.

Sept. 5 -- Automobile Accident -- Two automobiles, one driven by a full-time student and the other by a night student, collided on Fraternity Drive.

Sept. 6 -- Fire Alarm -- A faulty alarm went off in the Sig Ep fraternity house.

Sept. 6 -- Vandalism -- Pegs from a basement window were stolen making it possible to enter the basement of the MILE house at 423 North 23rd Street.

Sept. 6 -- Information -- A note was left on the door of a Martin Luther dorm room stating, "I Love You." It turned out to have been left by the recipients roommate.

Sept. 7 -- Intoxicated Person -- An unregistered guest received a letter of trespass and a student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 7 -- Disturbance -- Four people in an automobile confronted three students.

Sept. 7 -- Theft -- Two automobiles break-ins occurred. The first contained a stereo, compact disks valued at $200, and $20 in cash that were stolen. The second was abandoned when the car alarm sounded. The suspects were two white males one wearing a black t-shirt and jeans and the other a white t-shirt and jeans and both had gloves.

Sept. 7 -- Trespassing -- Three Allentown residents were issued letters of trespass after harassing women on the East quad.

Sept. 7 -- Safety Violation -- Members of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity were referred to the Dean of Students for having chairs on the roof of the house.

Sept. 7 -- Stolen Property -- A resident of Prosser was referred to the Dean's office for having a 30 M.P.H. sign, property of the state of New York.

Sept. 7 -- Alcohol Violation -- Two residents of Prosser were referred to the Dean of Students for alcohol and controlled substance possession.

Sept. 8 -- Alcohol Violation -- An underage student was referred to the Dean of Students after consuming alcohol at the Hillside House.

Sept. 8 -- Unauthorized Persons -- Members of the Poland Bicycle Team, which has been housed at the college over the summer were found in a Walz computer lab and were issued letter of trespass.

Sept. 9 -- Fire Alarm -- A Fire alarm went off at 2214 Chew Street due to the heat and humidity of an unregistered party. Two Students were referred to the Dean's office.

Parking problems more prevelant than ever

PHOTO BY MIKE PATTON

Construction crews work on the new dormitories.

BY MATT MEYERS
Assistant News Editor

Parking will remain an issue on campus, and within the surrounding community, this semester. The College must look at solutions to this dilemma, and quickly. Currently, administrators are generating ideas and potential solutions.

When asking local residents their opinions on the current status of parking in the neighborhood, they replied either, "No comment," or called the issue "too political."

Over the summer, the College made a decision to permit the Class of 2004 to bring cars onto campus for the Fall Semester, 2001, which was a major step.

"Ten years ago there weren't cars lining the sides of Liberty Street the way they are today," said Director of Campus Safety, Ken Lupole. Lupole went on to say, "this is a multi-facet problem, not just one thing will remedy the situation." The school is examining many different options. This process begins by investigating the total number of students with cars on campus. This will help the College determine the number of parking spots they need.

The next step may be either building new lots, potentially procuring parking lots, or expanding lots that already exist. An example of this would be the new lot located on Chew Street between the Trexler Library and the ATO fraternity house. This lot is expected to open in early October to accommodate drivers who live in off- campus housing and apartments. "Currently these students are parking in the 23rd Street lot, which is designated to those students living in both East and Martin Luther dormitories," said Lupole. This causes students with permits for these lots to find parking elsewhere, usually on the neighborhood streets. Lupole went on to say "this should at least help with that problem."

There is currently talk of building parking lots on Liberty or 22nd Streets. This could be used for residents of MILE houses, which are now equipped with two parking spots for the four residents that are housed there.

Another area of concern is freshmen with unregistered cars on campus. The school prohibits students from bringing unregistered vehicles on campus. Currently, students caught with an unregistered vehicles receive a parking ticket. The College will investigate additional or alternative repercussions. "[I]n the future the penalties

ATO house remains empty

Leasing idea is currently stagnant

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Both Albert Marchio, from the Pennsylvania Alpha Iota Chapter of ATO Fraternity, and Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, denied the claim that the College had leased the ATO House on Chew St. to be renovated into college housing. As of this time, there is adequate housing for all students.

> *"both parties must agree on their idea of a fraternal experience at the College."*
> Albert Marchio
> Pennsylvania ATO Chapter

According to Dean Ehrenberg, the College was approached by someone from the ATO Alumni Corporation.

The Corporation asked the College if they wanted to lease the property from them. Relative to this proposal, Ehrenberg said the College "would lease the property only if the repairs [to lighting fixtures and sprinkler systems, and painting] were made." He went on to say, "we wouldn't lease it until it was up to our [the College's] standards." In order for the College to use it to house students, a full sprinkler system would need to be installed. A construction firm assessed the possible renovation cost to be in the area of $100,000. Marchio said, "the building needs upgrading to the current [building] code." Currently, the building only has partial sprinkler systems installed. Marchio called the issue "dead," based on the College's response.

Ehrenberg confirmed that College money would not be invested into such an endeavor. Dean Ehrenberg did not know whether the College would revisit this issue in the

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Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scattered Showers	Scattered Showers	Sunny
High: 77 Low: 48	High: 69 Low: 43	High: 46 Low: 32

Applicant Pool on the Rise

By Cheryl Wortzel
Assistant News Editor

With the College's applicant pool increasing steadily, the admissions office has been able to be more selective than ever. This has helped attract to campus those students that they feel will bring with them not only a high caliber of academic quality, but also the energy to fuel on-campus events, clubs, organizations, and activities. The class of 2005 helps to further solidify the community of decency and caring that has been the tradition of Muhlenberg.

This year, the freshmen have some very impressive statistics to add to our existing student body. They had an average SAT score of 1194, with a mean verbal score of 592 and a mean math score of 602.

Adding to the diversity of our student body, 25.4% of students admitted are from outside of the New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania area. An admirable 37% of the class of 2005 graduated in the top tenth of their high school class, with 30% in the second tenth.

Only 47 students of this year's freshman class applied to either Ursinus or Colgate. Both of these schools have moved from the top of our application overlap list to the bottom.

Franklin and Marshall is number one on our application overlaps list, with one hundred thirty-four students of the Class of 2005 submitting an application at Franklin and Marshall, as well as to Muhlenberg. In a close second is Bucknell, with one hundred twenty-nine applica-

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Housing shortage leads to quick changes

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were forced into over-capacity rooms.

Bova said that housing recognizes the importance of having adequate living space and for that reason makes "stacking" an absolute last option.

By avoiding overfilling rooms, the College has managed to limit inconvenience to students from the limited housing situation.

With so few vacancies, pressure is placed on RA's to solve roommate disputes without moving students.

Housing has the ability to relocate students if necessary, but Bova explained that this capacity is "very limited" and can only be used in emergency situations.

WMUH mourns disc jockey

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

On May 24th Muhlenberg College and WMUH lost one of its most popular disc jockeys. According to the coroner's report, Mark Klee took his life at forty-three years old. He died from a gunshot wound to the head. The multi-talented Klee was also an artist, musician, and actor.

Mark Klee worked as the Public Service Director for the radio station in addition to hosting a show on WMUH. Klee volunteered for this position and received no salary for his work.

WMUH Director Joe Swanson was shocked by Klee's death. "No one expected this or saw it coming," he said. Mark Klee had both a national and international group of followers. According to Swanson, WMUH received calls from countries such as Indonesia and Japan. A lieutenant from Kosovo called the radio station when news of Klee's death hit them. They were upset because Klee's show was the only thing that made them laugh. During his show, Klee would often take calls from high school students and try to help them with their problems.

Klee was published in both Heavy Metal Magazine and the Berkeley Underground Press. Klee attended the Tyler School of Art in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. He also designed art logos for businesses. This work included designs for the front cover of WMUH's program guides, Freddy's Bar and Grill (he designed the logos on their Ads, Menu, and matchbooks), the Allentown Racquetball Club, and Leer Insurance. In addition, Klee released an album as a professional keyboardist. He was working on another album prior to his death. He acted both at the Allentown Outlet Theater and in a film directed by Vince Mondello.

According to Swanson, when he saw Klee last, Klee said, "See ya later, I'll be here for work tomorrow." Other members of the staff expressed surprise. Chris Stahle of the Class of 2004, who works as a music director for WMUH, also felt Mark's death was shocking and unexpected. Chris' show regularly preceded Klee's radio show.

According to those who knew him, Mark was a generous person. He would willingly give away his art work or tapes of his performances. He is remembered by Klee as "a fun guy to be around...who always got the last joke in." His artwork depicted many different genres, as he used oils, watercolors, chalks and ceramics. One of his paintings is a collection of 124 separate faces displayed as a single mural.

In addition to his work, Klee had some interesting hobbies. According to WMUH staff, Mark was interested in dinosaurs and botany. He had dioramas in his home depicting dinosaurs and vegetation.

WMUH is planning a memorial to Mark Klee in their program guide. Members of the staff have brought in dinosaur models as a reminder of Klee. In the words of WMUH director Joe Swanson, "Mark was an all-around good guy, we're going to miss him...we're missing him already."

Freshmen Class Statistics

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tions in common. More prestigious schools are steadily rising to top application overlaps list, another sign of the College's growing selectivity. This year, 75 students from our class of 2005 also submitted applications to New York University, 59 applied to Tufts University, 49 applied to Princeton University and 49 to the University of Pennsylvania.

The College's appearance in publications such as the New York Times, Newsweek, and the Philadelphia Inquirer among others, has been very successful at attracting more students. This recent increase in media visibility has helped support a rising number of applications over the past six years. This rise in the applicant pool, in turn, allows the admissions office to be more selective and to consistently draw a record number of students to the College.

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Education Students Pass National Exam

By Skye Bassett
Weekly Staff Writer

During the 2000-2001 school year, a commendable number of Muhlenberg students passed the National Teacher Exam for the state of Pennsylvania. Last year 57 students from the College completed the series of exams they begin taking their sophomore year. A total of 54 students passed the tests.

This number gave Muhlenberg a pass rate of 95% and placed the College in the top 25% of pass rates for the National Teacher Exam of all Pennsylvania colleges. The statewide pass rate was 86%. The exam was completed by 10,572 students statewide.

According to Dr. Michael Carbone, Education Department Head, the students' impressive performance on last year's exams can be attributed mainly to the increased enthusiasm of students in the Education Department. He also attributed the high percentage of passing students to better attitudes about test taking and improved test preparation.

Kelly Keiper, a Sophomore Education major, added that the curriculum of the Education Department helps produce confident students, since "...by second semester we are out doing field work, which helps a lot because you can see the practices and theories we study in the classroom first hand."" Kelly also attributed students' better preparation to the faculty, who "make sure you know what you need to know." Students are not only learning the necessities to pass the National Teacher Exam, but are also gaining knowledge through actual classroom experiences.

Over the past ten years the Education Department has grown. This is due in part to an increase of teaching positions in the United States and more interest among students. The Education Department wishes to continue the College's high pass rate for the exam in the 2001-2002 school year with the help of students who have developed healthy attitudes toward teaching from their first hand experiences.

Student Council

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Student Council President Elias Saratovsky said, "It was a pleasure serving on Student Council with both Tyler and Marah. They took their positions seriously and served the students of Muhlenberg with great pride and dignity...and their presence will be missed." Saratovsky went on to say, "Several students have expressed interest in filling these vacant positions."

Through the Lens:
Campus Construction

Campus Construction In Progress

Building construction and renovations take shape

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly Staff Writer

Two new building projects graced campus at the beginning of last summer. The projects continue into the Fall semester. Renovations to the Commons building should be complete by Fall break, according to Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations. The improved Commons will house the Communications Department; MCTV, the College's television station; and radio station WMUH.

Two new dorm buildings under construction on Chew Street will hold 140 upperclassmen. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson recently made a generous donation toward the College's building campaign. Robertson donated $5 million towards the current campaign.

Since the construction of new residence halls is the first phase of this campaign, his money will be used toward this project. In appreciation for his donation, one of the two new residence halls will be named after Mr. Robertson.

Robertson, Class of 1942, remains an active alumni. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees and arranged for the construction of an Ettinger classroom. According to Bruckner, Mr. Robertson has had "a lifelong loyalty to the college."

Over the summer, contractors rewired and upgraded all wiring throughout East Hall and Martin Luther dormitories. Students in East had been having trouble with the electricity in the past. The upgraded wiring should alleviate problems such computers losing power, flickering lights and other sporadic electrical shortages.

Photo By Ben Patton

Construction site of the two new dorm buildings.

Student Council Election Schedule

Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. -- Informational Meeting

Sept. 7 to Sept. 14 -- Nominations

Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. -- Candidate Meeting

Sept. 16 at 12 a.m. -- Campaigning begins

Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. -- Platform and statement of Intent due to the Dean of Student's Office. Ballot positions will be drawn at 4:30 pm in the Dean of Student's Office.

Sept. 20 at 8:30 p.m. -- Class of 2005 debate at the door.

Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. -- Signature and Expenditure Sheets due to the Student Council Office
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Sept. 23 at 12:01 a.m. -- Campaigning Ends

Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. -- Elections

ATO House

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Spring. If both parties had agreed to the lease and renovations, the decision would be long-term; meaning the project would require, minimally, a five-year lease. Marchio said it would be a minimum of a few years before ATO would consider recolonizing at the College. He said, "we would wait for anyone who was in the house to graduate." After that time, "both parties must agree on their idea of a fraternal experience at the College," Marchio said. ATO Brothers, both alumni of the College and those currently attending, were completely unaware of the proposal, according to Marchio. The president of the ATO National Fraternity, Wynn R. Smiley, said, "Bert Marchio and Rudy Ehrenberg do not see the circumstances the same way""

WEEKLY life!

> **"You are who you are and you will go on...you will be strong and you will be heroic."**
>
> **-President Taylor**

A big chance for a small school:

'Berg welcomes Counting Crows

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

It is rather uncommon for astounding popular music bands in their entireties to shrink down their enormous loyal followings into selective musical die-hards.

In the tradition of such concerts as Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds' appearance at Luther College, the Counting Crows have recently decided to downsize their stage shows from such venues as Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia and the Tweeter Center in Camden in favor of smaller and more intimate settings. As students here at Muhlenberg College, we are fortunate to have booked the Counting Crows for a one-night show on October 14th.

According to a few local alternative radio stations in Philadelphia, this concert is the closest booked tour date to Philadelphia, and tickets for spirited non-students should go like wildfire.

As for us, tickets remained on sale until September 12th in the lobby of Seegers Union for $18 dollars each. Those who purchased tickets will be lucky to see one of the greatest stage shows not only to come to Muhlenberg, but for any performance, large-scale or minuscule.

The Counting Crows have created their own genre of music. They combine rock and folk with great talent and ease. Their versatility and uniqueness have them played on a variety of wavelengths from alternative to folk, soft rock and pop.

Counting Crows
this Desert Life

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Known for their spirited and extremely well-delivered stage shows, the Counting Crows' musical endeavors have proven to be best-sellers in commercial and bootleg industries. Their prolific albums have been some of the most critically acclaimed compilations of recordings in this half of the century.

Within the past seven years, the Counting Crows have delivered such fantastic albums as *Recovering the Satellites* (1996), featuring the overwhelmingly popular single, "Long December," and *August and Everything After,* including one of their first top-40 and top-10 hits, "Mr. Jones."

Front-man and founder Adam Duritz's lyrical compositions primarily focus on realistic life lessons about love, loss, regret, and admiration for the human heart.

Known for their sometimes frenzied and frenetic renditions, political messages urging young people to vote, and somber ballads, the Counting Crows have nestled comfortably into their nook of musical popularity.

Take this rare opportunity to see a headlining band at a small college.

Meet the author

'Living Writers' offers opportunity for chitchat

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

Have you ever longed to hear the voice of your favorite author? Did you ever wish that you could ask an author a specific question about what he or she wrote? Were you ever curious about the personality of that person whose words moved you to tears?

If you find yourself nodding your head in agreement to any of these questions, you will be pleased to learn that all of these desires can be attained through the Living Writers course.

Taught by English professors Linda Miller and Alec Marsh, the Living Writers course meets twice a week, one class being a large lecture and the other a small discussion group.

Adria Froelich '02, a student in the class, enjoys the fact that the course is team-taught. "Both Linda Miller and Alec Marsh approach literature and the writing process at different angles. This makes the class extremely interesting!"

Throughout the semester, students will read six different texts. While this is quite ordinary for an English class, these students will get to meet all six of the authors. This gives students the unusual opportunity to find viable answers to questions they have about the text, rather than just speculating as in an average English course.

The first author to speak at Muhlenberg this semester was Robert Olen Butler, author of *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain.*

Butler arrived on campus last Wednesday and ate lunch with Miller and Marsh, along with several of the students from the class. Later on in the day, there was a session in which students could ask Butler questions about his novel and his creative writing process.

Following the question-and-answer session was a small reception and some time for the students in Living Writers to get their books signed by the author. Wrapping up the evening was a reading by Butler, which was open to all students and faculty.

Senior Sarah Kessler enjoyed the reading by Butler, because "it seemed as if he really appreciated the feedback that he received from the audience."

It is important to understand that everyone is invited to come and listen to the readings by the various authors that will appear at Muhlenberg throughout the semester.

The next five authors to speak on campus are Gerald Stern, Adrienne Rich, David Sedaris, Scott Russell Sanders and Ha Jin. Dates and times of the readings by these authors will be posted throughout campus.

Question of the Week: *As a first-year student, what was the hardest part of leaving home and coming to college?*

"I don't like having to do my own laundry."
Lori Steinemann, '05

"No one cares what I do."
Alan Van Grack, '05

"I miss Mom's home cooking!"
Kat Kearney, '05

"It was hard leaving my close friends."
Rob Oswald, '05

Compiled by Diane Reilly

Jay and Silent Bob do it again...

For the last time, says writer-director Smith

life! review

By Audrey Nedderman
Weekly Staff Writer

If you are looking for a movie that will make you laugh without insulting your intelligence completely, then *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* is a good choice.

This latest movie from Kevin Smith once again brings back Jason Mewes and Smith himself as the two potty-mouthed stoner friends known as Jay and Silent Bob.

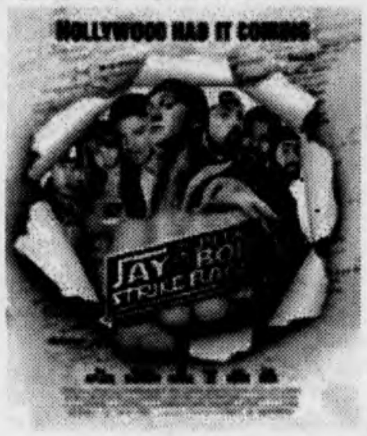
Jay, spouting off a swear word every ten seconds, is the perfect counterpart for Bob, who speaks only three times in the film and conveys the rest of his feelings with his amazing eyebrows. Many have come to love these characters that first appeared in Smith's 1994 movie *Clerks* and then again in *Mallrats*, *Chasing Amy*, and *Dogma*. Finally, the duo has a chance to star in their very own flick.

The plot is simple: Upon discovering that a movie is about to be made based on their comic-book alter egos called Bluntman and Chronic, Jay and Silent Bob are thrilled because they assume this will mean a big check for them.

Their happiness is ruined when they find out that rumors about the movie have caused anonymous people to trash-talk them, and so they set off for Hollywood to try and stop production. On the way, they get into trouble with four attractive girls, an orangutan, and one very funny federal wildlife marshall played by Will Ferrell.

Smith has a great sense of what makes people laugh, and the script for this movie is very well written. There is certainly a good dose of stupid dirty jokes and more than enough cursing, but besides the vulgarity, the movie's humor also comes from its satirizing of Hollywood and commercialism.

The characters also poke fun at homosexuals, white people, girl power, and themselves.


HOLLYWOOD HAD IT COMING
JAY AND SILENT BOB STRIKE BACK

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Though some have taken offense to some of these comments, especially those concerning homosexuals, the jokes should not be taken very seriously as they are only meant to be the opinion of a stupid stoner who gets made fun of himself.

Even the audience is made the butt of the joke when Jay, turning towards us with a wink asks, "Who would see that Jay and Silent Bob movie anyway?" Since the actors break the "fourth wall," the movie does not try to create suspension of disbelief as most do, but instead lets viewers know that the people on the screen are aware that they are just actors in a movie.

This technique allows the audience to feel as if they are more a part of the fun and it reduces the harshness of some of the jokes because there is that feeling that everybody is making fun of everybody else.

Some of the funniest moments are when actors such as Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Jason Biggs, and James Van der Beek appear in cameos as themselves. Other Smith film veterans that appear include Shannon Doherty, Chris Rock, Jason Lee, and Alanis Morrisette.

There are quite a few hidden inside jokes that only audience members familiar with Jay and Silent Bob's previous films will understand, but the movie is just as enjoyable if you don't catch them.

If for no other reason, come to see the movie for Silent Bob's facial expressions. He may not be an amazing actor, but this is one role that he has had time to perfect. Kevin Smith has said that this will be the last time he puts Jay and Silent Bob in a movie.

That's probably good; any more appearances and they would run the risk of becoming too played out. They have been very amusing to watch, and this film sends them off in the big, fun way they deserve.

The Track and Feed Walk-a-thon was held on Sept. 8th in Memorial Hall. Walkers and listeners alike donated time and money to help support the hunger cause.

Brad Rosen '03 and Matt Barcewicz '03 perform with their band. Their music entertained attendees of the Walk-a-thon.

Two walkers make their way around the track.

Photos by Scott Swartz

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK????

Thursday, September 13th
BUDDHA TRIBE
9-11pm Red Door

Friday, September 14
DIGITAL IMAGING & STAR STRUCK STUDIOS
7pm-1am Seegers Lobby

Saturday, September 15th
REGGAE PARTY
10pm-2am Garden Room

"THE MUMMY RETURNS"
Friday, September 14 7pm
Saturday, September 15 7pm
Sunday, September 16 7pm
(RED DOOR)

Wednesday, September 19th
MAC MEETING
5pm Trumbower 130

Horoscopes

Aries
Things may not be going your way this week, but stay strong and things will begin to look up for you. Someone is admiring your perserverance and will reveal themselves in due time.

Taurus
Watch your temper this week. You are not always right. Think before you speak. And remember, actions speak louder than words.

Gemini
This week things are stellar for you! Keep a positive attitude and your week will be everything you hoped for.

Cancer
Your words of encouragement are needed this week. Offer them whenever you can and the rewards will be many.

Leo
Your heart goes out to a friend in need, but even though you want to be there for them, you need to focus on your life. So offer a shoulder to cry on, but remember not to neglect yourself.

Virgo
Make sure you start doing all of your work! You've been slacking, Virgo, watch out that it doesn't catch up to you.

Libra
You've been selfish lately and have been neglecting friendships. Don't forget those friendships from the past, for they are the ones who know you the best.

Scorpio
Your luck will change this week. You've been a little depressed and overwhelmed, but have no fear things will calm down into a regular schedule.

Saggitarius
Make sure you take time for yourself this week and relax. The past two weeks have been really stressful for you. Take time out and do something you enjoy.

Capricorn
This is your week for love! If you are involved with someone, things will be smashing and if you do not have a significant other...watch out because Cupid has his eye on you, Capricorn!

Aquarius
So you are a little down because someone important to you cannot be around for some reason or another. But don't forget that you've got tons of support right around you and plenty of friends to spend time with.

Pisces
This is a week of chaos for you. Be careful and budget your time, otherwise you will fall terribly behind!

Written by Miss Tink

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Tashlikh *(tosh-leekh; the "kh" is a gutteral gargle like the end of Bach)* - a symbolic act done by Jews on the afternoon of the Jewish New Year's Day, Rosh Hashana. Bread, representing sin, is thrown into moving water -- a river or stream -- to symbolize throwing away the sins that God has forgiven. As the new year begins, a person can start over because of God's promise to forgive and leave the past behind.

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Lots of laughs in the Red Door

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BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

There was something different about the Red Door Saturday night. It could have been the lights, it could have been the chairs set up in a strange, different way, or perhaps it was the group of people crowded in to do something other than attend a meeting -- they were waiting to be entertained.

Not only were the many eager 'Berg students fully entertained by wonderfully charismatic stage comedian, Johnny Lampert, they were given the chance to put down their books and take a few minutes to enjoy each other's company.

Big fans of stand-up may have been shocked that such an accomplished and well-known member of the comedy world decided to grace the rather informal stage of Muhlenberg's very own Red Door Café, but by the end of his set, they were very glad he did. Mr. Lampert's repertoire includes appearances on stations ranging from MTV to HBO and culminates in such venues as the Montreal Comedy Festival, where only the biggest names in comedy are privileged to appear.

Although many could have found his humor to be brazen or a little over-the-top, in comparison to the numerous other 'vulgar' acts that have appeared on primetime television, his set was a walk in the park!

It seemed as if his material was fitting to the types of conversations that normal college students are caught having in the hallways of a dorm, in the dining hall, or most recently, on a cell phone for everyone in nearby areas to hear as well.

Lampert's comedy was admired, in part because he was able to point out the idiosyncrasies of each person in the audience -- those sitting in the front row soon realized they were an easy target, a hard lesson that one unfortunate freshman learned by example -- without being offensive. This was partly because he was able to satirize his own life in a genuine way.

With those two key attributes, the comedian was able to distinguish himself among myriad equally humorous acts, and be a real person as well.

If anyone was unable to make his September 8 appearance, it might be worthwhile to catch up with Lampert in the future. It will be a show that really gets some laughs.

Women's Soccer opens season with three wins

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nament. Sophomore Dawn Iberer scored her second goal of the season thirteen minutes into the second half to secure the win against Rhode Island College. Laurino had six saves against Rhode Island College, making this her second shutout of the season, ending 1-1 in the tournament.

The Mules are defending their title of Centennial Conference Champions that they earned last season, with a record of 15-4-2 and 8-1-1 in the 2000 Centennial Conference. Last season they tied the record for wins, and were the first team to receive a bid to the NCAA tournament. Although they lost the majority of their offense with graduating seniors (three out of their four top scorers), the Mules feel confident that they will still have a successful season. Sophomore Dawn Iberer explained that it will be a challenge to be the only returning forward, but she has a positive attitude toward the season. "It is hard being the only returning forward, we had some key losses. But when Jennie gets back, I think we'll be fine. It's a pretty young team but with experience, it'll be better. Our conference games aren't until the end of the season, so we'll have time to learn to work together."

Jennie Vroman is the only returning senior on the team. She received All-Centennial Conference honorable mention in 2000. The team has moved her to play forward this season.

The Mules continue the beginning of their season with their next game at home against Centenary (New Jersey) on Sept. 13, at 5:00 p.m.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Freshman Rebecca Armstrong sprints with the ball downfield on a breakaway, attempting to score a goal.

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Junior Michele Zito defends against her Wilkes Opponent on Tuesday, September 4th.

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Men's Soccer pulls together after loss and prepares for next game

BY BRIAN TALBOTT
Managing Editor

The air is once again becoming crisp and cool, classes have started and men's soccer has begun. They opened their season on Sept. 1, playing against Western New England College.

Junior Scott Lermack scored the first goal of the game, 1:45 into the game, also his first career goal. Freshman Tim Sparta scored the next goal, also his first, and recorded an assist on a goal scored by Sophomore Justin Marx. At halftime, the score was 3-0. Western New England, attempted to get back into the game, scoring a goal eight minutes into the second half, but that was where the attempt stopped. They only had six shots on goal, to the Mules' thirteen.

On Sept. 7, the first day of the Kwik Goal/T.G.I.Friday's Classic, the Mules were tied in a scoreless game with Oswego State until the last four minutes, when Junior Kevin Welding scored his third career goal. Twenty-two seconds later, Junior David Vassilaros scored the second goal of the game, off of an assist from Sophomore Evan Smallwood. The team outshot Oswego State 14-4, none of which were on goal for Oswego.

In the championship game of the Kwik Goal/T.G.I.Friday's Classic, the team faced off against Drew, who defeated Frostburg State, 1-0 in overtime, the previous day. The Mules held the 17th-ranked Drew team scoreless all the way into overtime. Drew's Russell Jaffe scored the only goal a little over two minutes into the extra period, also becoming the tournament MVP. The Mules lost the hard fought game, 0-1, ending 1-1 in the tournament.

"Every game we've played, it seems like we've controlled the ball. Nick Ricardson and Rob Pomento have really stepped and up and played very well," shared Freshman Harry Kegelman.

The Mules are looking forward to their season, hoping that Saturday's game is not the standard. "Our goal is to win the Conference and make NCAA Tournament. We are a team that prides ourselves in never giving up," expressed Welding. "We have a very solid team and have really come together this season."

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Captain Greg Ramos sprints down the field Drew's Matt Carillo in hot pursuit.

Cross Country

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Division I school. Although, Uniskiewicz's 16th place finish showed that he has appears to have recovered from his injury. He stated "I am not back to the level where I want to be yet." Sophomores Brian Cash and Nate Horst also placed in the top half of the field, with Cash finishing 31st (27:57) and Horst in 34th (28:00). Overall, the men finished 5th with 108 points. However, Gallagher noted that the first race in the fall is always "readjustment time."

The Mules are captained by Senior Katie Garrett, who believes the team was "grossly underestimated" by the preseason Centennial Conference Coach's Poll, which predicted a 7th place finish. The team returns several members from last year including Sophomores Erica Norey, Diana Garretto, Gail Morris and Melissa Carelli. Jenna Belisonzi is a freshman from whom big things are hoped from this season.

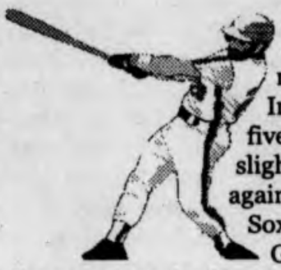
The women's course at the Lehigh Valley Championship was longer than the team is accustomed to, which according to Garrett takes "more out of you than you are used to." However, she as well as Norey, Garretto and Belisonzi all placed in the top half, finishing 17th (23:51), 32nd (24:55), 39th (25:07) and 40th (25:15) respectively. Garrett said she was "pleased, but not satisfied" with the team's overall performance, which saw them finish in 6th place with 154 points.

On Saturday, September 15th, the men's and women's team will play host to other schools in the Mule Invitational. According to Norey, the Mule's strategy for the race, which is a dual meet with Cedar Crest College, is basic. "We want to run as a group for a collective low time and placing best is the goal for the end of the season Conference Championships which we consider our main race."

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

NFL – The long anticipated opening is finally here but only to give some disappointing results. Continue on for a synopsis of this weekend: Saints 24, Bills 6; Bengals 23, Patriots 17; Seahawks 9, Browns 6; Buccaneers 10, Cowboys 6; Packers 28, Lions 6; Raiders 27, Chiefs 24; Panthers 24, Vikings 13; Colts 45, Jets 24; Jaguars 21, Steelers 3; Ravens 17, Bears 6; Rams 20, Eagles 17; Chargers 30, Redskins 3; 49ers, Falcons 13;Dolphins 31, Titans 23.



Baseball – Pedro Martinez, after being on the injured list for more than two months, was reactivated on Aug. 26. In his thirteen innings, he has allowed five runs and twelve hits. Because of a slightly torn rotator cuff, he won't pitch again this season unless the Boston Red Sox get back into playoff contention. As General Manager Dan Duquette stated, "he owes it to the fans."

PGA – The World Cup, this year to be held in Gotemba City in Japan, has been won 23 times out of the last 46 by the United States. Last year's World Cup was won by the U.S. Team, composed of Tiger Woods and David Duval. The U.S. team is again the No. 1 seed. South Africa is No. 2, Fiji No. 3, and Spain No.4. Argentina, last year's runner up in the competition, is seeded near the bottom at No. 13 this year.

Men's and Women's Tennis – After Pete Sampras defeated Andre Agassi in the quarterfinals, it was a great surprise when he was defeated by Australian Lleyton Hewitt, who won his first Grand Slam title. This is the first time in nine years that Sampras will not take home a Slam title.

Football takes loss in stride while preparing for next game

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scored again on a two yard run by running back Justin Magruder. Espinoza once again completed the extra point attempt, making the score 14-0 to end the first quarter.

The Mules' offense responded with a touchdown of their own. Justin Jones connected with Josh Carter on a 28 yard pass, capping a two play, 40 yard drive. Kicker Chris Reed completed the extra point attempt. The Mules were suddenly back in the game, down 14-7. However, the Kingsmen responded with another touchdown on their next drive.

Running back Justin MacGruder capped off a 6 play, 42 yard drive with an 11 yard touchdown run, putting the Kingsmen up once again by two touchdowns. The Mules completed the first half with a 6 play, 42 yard drive that culminated with a 1 yard run by running back Matt Bernado making the score 21-14 at halftime.

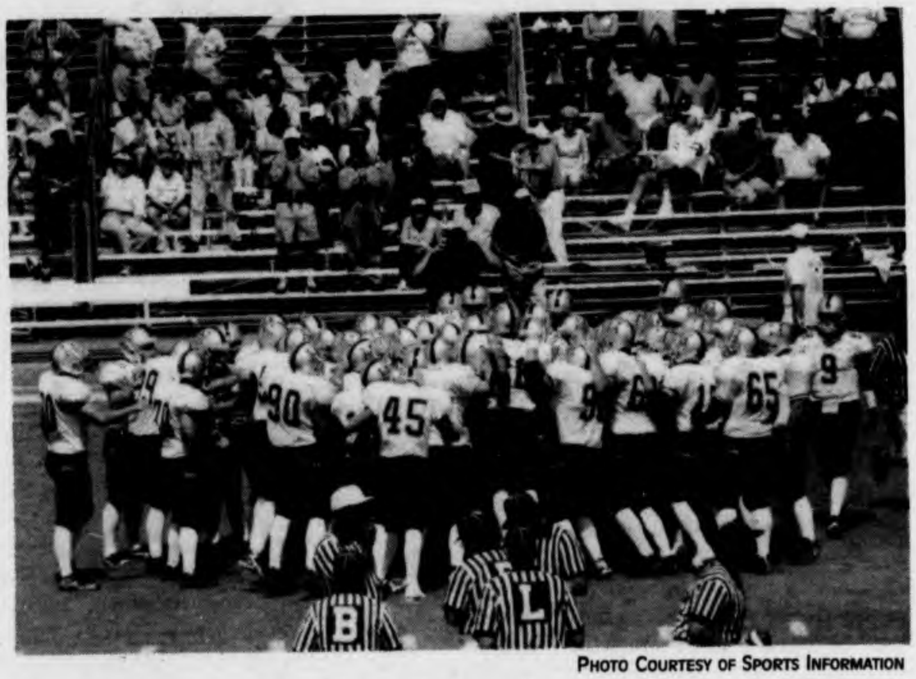
Cal Lutheran scored a touchdown and kicked a field goal, putting the Kingsmen up 31-14 at the end of the third quarter. The play that put the game out of reach for the Mules occurred in the beginning of the fourth quarter when running back Tyler Ruiz scored a 1 yard run, which was set up on a 7 play, 21 yard drive. Even though Espinoza's extra point attempt failed, the three consecutive touchdowns essentially put the game away for good. The Mules would score once more in the fourth quarter when Matt Bernado scored on a 6 yard run with 9:38 left on the clock. The Mules tried for a two point conversion, but the failed, making the score 37-20.

The Kingsmen scored once again on a 5 yard run by running back Tyler Ruiz with 4:22 left in the game, making the final score 44-20. The defense was put on the field for 88 plays. Junior linebacker Beau Sherry said, "Our game against Cal Lutheran was tough. We went out to California. It was a long trip. We had never played this opponent before. We had been watching a lot of film of them. We didn't know a lot about the team. It was a tough game. We look forward to our first home game against Dickinson this weekend. We may have taken California too lightly. For this game, we'll come out more focused."

Head Coach Scott Squires, Coach of the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen said, "We felt that the Mules were an excellent team and very well coached. Josh Carter is a special athlete. We felt that we could present some problems for them with our offensive schemes. Also, we felt that our defense would be better this year, but we were not totally sure.

The Mules did expose some problems that we need to fix, normal first game kinds of things, but all in all it was a good day for us. I know that they will rebound and get after Dickinson this week because that team is too good and well coached to stay down. I think anytime you have to travel across the country and play it is difficult as I'm sure it will be for us next year. I wish the Mules all the best the rest of the way this season."

The Mules (0-0 conference, 1-1 overall) will play this Saturday against Dickinson at Scotty Wood Stadium.



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Despite crushing the Kings Point Mariners the previous week, the Mules were unable to match Cal Lutheran's offensive power. Last season the offense averaged 453.8 yards and 33.7 points per game.

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Profile of a Mule

Kim Klicka scores game winning goal twice in five games

BY CALVIN TINTLE
Weekly Sports Writer

It's hot in San Antonio even though it has rained the last couple of days. The women's soccer team is running out of time to win the second game in a two game set in the Lone Star State. After a tough loss the day earlier to Trinity College from a "communications breakdown" they are a determined group of ladies.

They have dominated the game against Schriner thus far and have had narrow misses that would have put the game away. In comes a girl from Doylestown, Pennsylvania who's rested for a couple of minutes. There is 29 seconds left, and she wants the ball. She thrives on these situations. She is ready for this. She's had her pre-game piece of gum, she's "gotten into the zone," she's listened to the teams warm-up tape, and, most importantly, she's slept with a little soccer ball her boyfriend from Holland gave her. She receives the ball from her teammate, she shoots and scores. Welcome to Muhlenberg Soccer, Freshman Kim Klicka.

Along with her courageous playing in Texas, she came back to Muhlenberg and set the world on fire again with her incredible playing ability. In the game against Wilkes University, she, again, scored the winning goal. She is making herself a dynamic part of the team as a freshman. It must be her soccer ball from her boyfriend. He must really be there in spirit and was not lying when he said he wouldn't miss a game!

Kim has always been, as she said, "the family type." She has felt that family was the most important thing in her life. Her parents have always been very supportive and behind her every step of the way. And her sisters have been her role models. She said, "I look up to them." Her older sister, who also played soccer in college, said, "she has paved the way for all of my aspirations." Her younger sister who was diagnosed with diabetes at age 8, has not let her disease hamper her. She continues to play field hockey and run track. She has been as strong a role model as a younger sister than any other person has been.

Along with playing soccer in high school, she also played field hockey and basketball for New Hope-Solebury in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The teams she said in New Hope-Solebury were "not quite as competitive." The competition at Muhlenberg has brought out even more competitive desires, increasing even more her playing ability.

While on her college search, once she came to Muhlenberg she knew that this could be the school. Then, after an overnight visit with her friend and being able to meet the other girls on the team, she said, "I instantly fell in love with the place." She went home and told her parents that she knew exactly where she wanted to go. No questions asked. Signed, sealed and delivered.

After being at Muhlenberg for three weeks now, including training camp, her opinion hasn't changed. She loves the coaches and the friends she has made. The coaches, she said, "have you challenge yourself." As for the new family she has made away from the family in Doylestown, she couldn't be happier. She said, "the team is very supportive of everything we do, we practice as a team and we win as a team, and the other people I have met have also been very nice."

Kim not only continues to work hard on the soccer field but also in the classroom. She is an Education and Math major. Judging by what she has done as an athlete the sky is the limit for her in life.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

On Friday, Aug. 31, the first day of the Springfield Invitational, Muhlenberg was defeated by Rochester Institute of Technology, 3-0. Senior Laura Funsten led the attack with sixteen assists and nine digs, while Junior Dana Ferrelli recorded eight kills. Sophomore Maria Poluka, in her first match with the Mules, had nine digs. The Mules dropped two of three matches on the second day of competition to wind up 1-3 at the Invitational, losing to Brockport State and Brandeis.

The Mules eliminated a 2-1 game deficit to earn a 3-2 victory over DeSales, on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Funsten tallied 41 assists and Junior Meaghan Billie added 20 kills. "Although we got off to a slow start, we never gave up and [we] showed great heart in this victory," said Funsten. "This was a big win for us after losing two earlier five-game matches, and it is a step in the right direction."

The Mules recorded two three-game sweeps to win Pool A of the Buttermaker Tournament, beating Albright and Arcadia, 3-0. In Muhlenberg's first match, they overwhelmed Albright, 30-11, 30-11, 30-21. The Mules were led by Funsten's 20 assists and five service aces. Junior Lisa Giammalvo also added nine kills, and Ferrelli contributed nine kills and six digs.

In the second match, Muhlenberg again dominated, this time sweeping Arcadia, 30-21, 30-18, 30-23. Once again, Funsten paced the Mules with 30 assists and seven digs, while Polukia contributed 17 digs. Sophomore Kate Woodruff tallied 13 digs, and Ferrelli provided 11 kills and three service aces.

In their first game against Misericordia, the top seed in Pool B, the Mules dominated the first two games, 30-17 and 30-13, before battling to win the third, 30-27, for the 3-0 victory. A school record was set for a three-game match with 20 service aces, with Funsten and Ferrelli each tying the individual record of seven. Funsten had 28 assists, while Billie tallied 11 kills. Junior Jennifer Leigh contributed 11 digs and Giammalvo recorded three blocks.

The Mules (6-3) clinched the tournament championship with a 3-0 win over Arcadia, 30-17, 30-18 and 30-25, a team they were victorious over in Pool play on Friday as well. Funsten dished out 30 assists, Ferrelli added 12 kills, and Leigh tallied eight digs. For the tournament, Funsten had 108 total assists to stabilize the Mule attack.

Field Hockey opened their season by defeating Moravian, 1-0, on Saturday, Sept. 1. Freshman Kristen Bruschi scored her first career goal and Junior goalie Josephine Fasolino recorded a shutout. Bruschi broke a scoreless halftime tie with an unassisted goal directly in front of the net at the 22:38 mark in the second half to provide the game's only offense, while Fasolino and the Mule team defense contained and frustrated the Greyhound offense all game long.

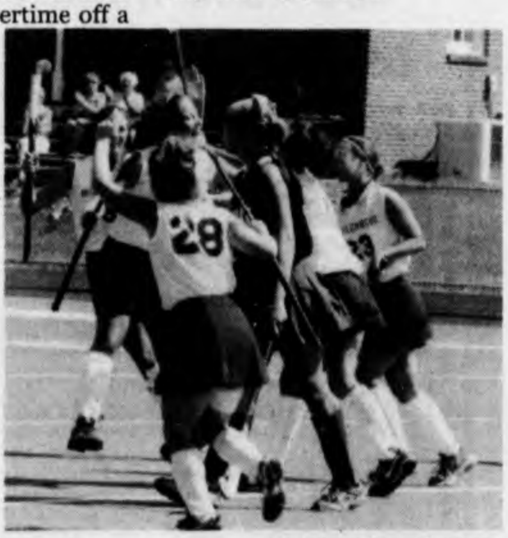
Muhlenberg held Moravian to only two shots, keeping the action mainly in front of the opponent's goal. Greyhound Freshman goalie Kirsli Spinks played well, making some tough saves and keeping Moravian within striking distance the entire time.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Mules fought East Stroudsburg, who scored the only goal of the game late in the first half and went on to hand the Muhlenberg field hockey team its first loss of the season. Fasolino made 14 saves to help keep the Mules in the game despite a 19-5 deficit in shots.

Drew scored with no time left in the first overtime off a penalty corner to earn a hard-fought victory over the Mules, on Saturday, Sept. 8, for a final score of 2-1.

Drew took the lead with just over a minute left in the first half when Junior Casey Rogers scored her first of two goals off a penalty corner. Muhlenberg tied the game with 1:42 left in regulation when Junior Kristen Best scored her first career goal on a penalty stroke, the first goal Ranger goalie Jessica Kates has allowed all season. The Rangers, who had many breakaway chances in overtime, had Rogers net the game-winner off a penalty corner awarded to them as time expired.

Fasolino played very well in goal despite the loss, recording 16 saves (only one shy of her career best) and turning away many Drew breakaways in overtime. She moved into fifth all-time in program history with 274 saves.



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The team celebrates after scoring a goal against Moravian on Saturday, September 1st.

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SPORTS

Women's Soccer wins by one in San Antonio tournament

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team opened its season last weekend with a trip to San Antonio, Texas. Although losing their first game (1-4) against the Trinity Tigers. The third ranked team in the preseason Division III poll, the Mules finished up their season opening trip with a win against Schreiner, 1-0.

The team took a lead early in the first half against Trinity, when Freshman Rebecca Armstrong scored her first goal of the season. The Tigers, however, tied up the game just before halftime and continued to score three early second half goals to take the win. The Mules had eight shots on goal against Trinity; goalie Kim Laurino made seven saves.

The following day, with only thirty seconds remaining in regulation play, Freshman Kim Klicka scored her first career goal to give Muhlenberg their first win of the season against Schreiner. Klicka said of the game "We definitely out shot Schreiner, but couldn't put the ball in the net. When I came in, I had the opportunity to finish off the game, and I did. We were all playing really well, though; we just couldn't all score."

The Mules followed their win against Schreiner by defeating Wilkes at their home opener on Tuesday, with a score of 3-1. Although Wilkes took the lead early in the game, Junior Jamie Gluck tied the score 59 seconds later. Klicka, with a pass from sophomore Jennifer Gitto, scored the game-winning goal for the second game in a row.

Sophomore Dawn Iberer also added a goal in the second half.

The Mules dominated the game with 19 shots on goal; Wilkes had 3.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Sophomore Courtney Levine dribbles the ball away her opponent.

On Friday, the team lost to Scranton for the third time in four years at the Kwik Goal/T.G.I.Friday's Classic; with a final score of 3-0. Following the Scranton loss, the Mules prevailed against Rhode Island College in the second day of the tour-

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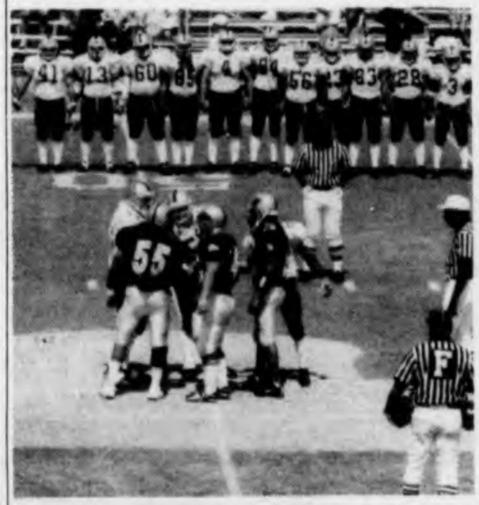
Football fights Cal Lutheran in California

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The football team kicked off the season against the Kings Point Mariners at Tomb Field, on Sept. 1, in Kings Point, NY, by crushing them 42-17.

It was an exciting start to the season as the Mules controlled the ball for most of the first half, resulting in six touchdowns on all of their first half drives. They were Leading at the end of the half, 42-0. Junior Justin Jones, who was the understudy for Mike McCabe (1998-2001) for the previous two seasons had a tremendous first half. He completed 15 of 20 passes, threw three touchdown passes to Senior Josh Carter, and ran in for an additional touchdown. Jones was pulled at the end of the third quarter for backup Sophomore Steve Powers.

Carter was the leading receiver of the day with six receptions for 115 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore running back Matt Bernado ran 19 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns. Bernado was excited about the team's opening win.



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The captains prepare to begin the game in California.

"The win against Kings Point was a good overall team effort. It was a good opening team win." The Mariners shut down the Mules offense during the second half and scored 17 points but were unable to make up the large deficit.

For their next game, this past Saturday, the Mules traveled out to California to play in the fourth annual Lutheran Brotherhood Kickoff Classic. Their opponent was the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen of the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference (SCIAC).

Last year, the Kingsmen won only three of nine games. Despite their record, the Kingsmen are known to be a team with offensive firepower, scoring 33.7 points and gaining 453.8 yards per game last season. Their star player is quarterback Chris Czernek, a first team All-SCIAC selection who passed for 2,439 yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago.

A crowd of 1,960 watched the Mules kick off to the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen on a breezy, sunny day in Thousand Oaks, California at Mount Clef Stadium. The Kingsmen scored first on a nine yard touchdown pass from Czernek to wide receiver Brian Woodsworth with 5:03 left in the first quarter. The touchdown was the culmination of a 14 play, 98 yard drive. Alex Espinoza kicked the extra point to make the game 7-0. The Mules tried to convert on their next offensive possession but failed to do so. With 35 seconds left in the first quarter, the Kingsmen

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Cross Country has hopeful outlook on Season

By Evan Jaffe
Weekly Sports Writer

There are high hopes running through the men's and women's cross country teams this season. After both teams' first race on September 7th at the Lehigh Valley Championships on the Lehigh University campus, there continues to be a sense that these teams of Mules could be major factors in the Centennial Conference.

The men's squad, ranked 3rd in the preseason Centennial Conference Coach's Poll, remains largely the same as last year with the noticeable absence of All-American Will Elson. The loss of Elson is something that "we will never completely recover from," Junior Tri-Captain Brendan Gallagher said. However, high hopes rests on the legs of Sophomore Rob Uniskiewicz, who was selected to the Freshman All-Region second team last year, despite a knee injury that required surgery last winter. Even with the change from Elson to Uniskiewicz, Gallagher stated, "we're still hoping to finish second or third in the Conference. We definitely want to beat Dickinson this year. We're going to have a really strong season this year, hopefully saving our best races for the end."

At last Friday's 8 kilometer meet, which was a mixture of Division I, II, and III schools, both Gallagher and Uniskiewicz did not disappoint. Despite battling sickness, which had riddled him during the week, Gallagher placed 3rd in the race with a time of 26:41, surpassing his own personal best time. The two runners ahead of him both ran for Lehigh, a

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As weekend shuttle expands, Dean's office takes it over

Shift to full-sized bus

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

Students who used the weekend shuttle to move between shopping centers have seen a change in vehicles this year. The College is now offering a shuttle bus for transportation service on Friday and Saturday nights. This decision was reached by the Dean of Students Office this semester.

The shuttle service was started by two Muhlenberg students, Josh Brookstein and Jay Dombi, both of the Class of 2003. According to the College Judicial Officer Jane Schubert, "Without them, the service provided now wouldn't be possible."

This year due to the increased volume and usage of the van service over the past two years, the responsibility shifted from Student Council to Dean of Student's office.

The increase in volume is evident by the number of requests for van passes made at the beginning of the school year. Three hundred ninety passes for van service were requested and the process of reading the requests, process-

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Morning Call and College join to release opinion polls

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Under the direction of Dr. Christopher Borick, the College formed a partnership The Morning Call to establish the Institute for Public Opinion. The Institute is an educational resource for students interested in public opinion and public policy research. Its first poll on the local reaction to the recent terrorist attacks will be released this week in The Morning Call. Students will help design, implement and analyze scientifically-based surveys. The Institute started some preliminary polling last spring and are now currently engaged in a number of projects.

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Students treat NYC rescue crews

Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg statue stands as a memorial for tragedy victims.

Photo by Kelly Lehman

After the attacks College unites, responds

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

After waiting through two days of increasing emotional distress in New York City, Ryan Kerian, senior, and Chris Hayes, sophomore, were allowed to enter the city last Thursday night. They boarded a Nassau County Police boat to cross over to the city. Hayes and Kerian traveled with a team of Sheriffs from outside Boston. All they had were some flashlights, dust masks and a few pairs of gloves.

"I remember telling everyone to say their prayers for I had never been so scared in my life," Kerian said. As they approached the city, charred and ragged remains of one of the building became visible. "It took everything I had to keep the horror and terror of what I was seeing from overcoming me, and I prayed and promised myself that I would go in and do whatever I could with a clear head."

The boat pulled up to the docks and the rescue crew jumped out onto a floating platform. Everything was covered in inches of gray ash and millions of papers were scattered about. Kerian remembers seeing the surrounding buildings with windows blown out, large areas completely torn up and destroyed, and smoke damage everywhere.

Although rescue efforts were not very organized at this point, Hayes and Kerian were able to hand out food and clothing to the rescuers. They left to return to Pennsylvania to get much needed rest. After some sleep and counseling to vent their feelings, the two returned to New Jersey where they reen-

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New e-mail software by end of semester

By Matt Meyers
Assistant News Editor

Over the summer and into the current semester the Office of Information Technology has been making some major changes to the College's Internet capabilities. They have started with the purchase of computers and will end the $500,000 project by installing new email software by the end of the semester.

After years of trouble with Novell, the wait is over for a new network client. Over the summer, OIT made it possible for students to make their Internet capabilities more Microsoft compatible. In the past, many students complained of computer crashes. According Harry Miller. Information Technology Director, "the new model [client] is more reliable."

"The first year dorms have just been flooded with sign-up sheets saying, 'Last chance if you want to get your computer networked,'" Miller said. The OIT office will also be reconfiguring computers at the beginning of next semester.

Already 450 first year students and 175 upperclassmen have had the new model installed in their PC's. Currently the OIT office has a two-week back up for installation of the new software. Out of over 625 installations of the new software, five computers were returned with problems. But none of these problems were linked with the Microsoft client. Miller describes last year's computer problems as "a disaster."

"More and more crashes occurred in the first week of the [last year]," Miller said. "We had about 150 first year students bring their computers back" to OIT.

One reason that students in the past have had so many problems with their PC's is due to the incompatibility of the Novell client with Windows. Miller described Novell's operation under the old model as "trying to eat everything on a regular basis." Many times when files are downloaded using Novell, it causes the computer to crash, as opposed to the client that is made by Microsoft.

The Internet speed should also increase with the implementation of the new software. A new cache system has

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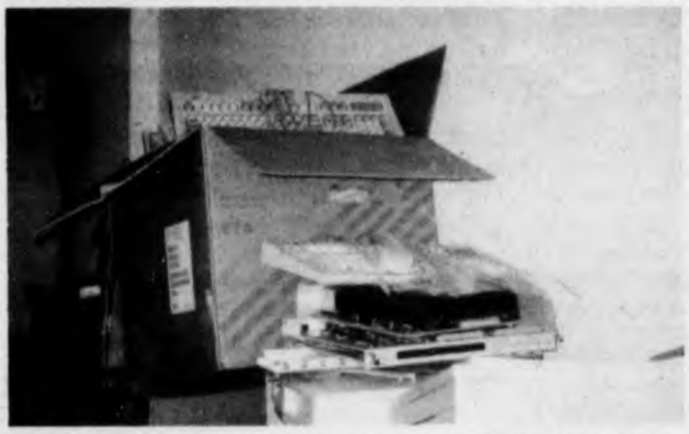

Brian Lerch is a computer technician the College contracted to update software.

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The human face of tragedy

Lauren Perry
Weekly Guest Columnist

I'm a different person than I was, and that is just the beginning. My ideals have changed, my goals are uprooted and my sense of security is gone. What I have left is a sense of purpose and a newfound belief that as alone as we may feel, we are never truly by ourselves.

A few minutes after 10:30 a.m. I was brushing my teeth. Erin pulled me out of the shower saying it was important; the World Trade Center had been bombed. I figured she was exaggerating, she gets upset easily. I watched the footage of the second World Trade Center crumble. I will never view that footage with that same sense of horror, the same surreal effect of watching a movie. At the same time, I will never view the footage again without the same nauseating feeling that accompanies me now. I tried to get ready and go to my 11:00a.m. class. I left and tried to call my dad. When I heard his voice, I broke down. I was hysterical, and he could do nothing to console me. I was the girl crying in the street, and I had yet to lose anyone. I was afraid I had lost my country. I was afraid that I had lost the home of all my faith. A little less than a year ago someone asked me if I didn't believe in God (I'm still not sure I do); what do I believe in? I believe in mankind. Events like those of September 11 make me distrust mankind completely; however, the aftermath of the event, the reaction of my fellow Americans, has made my faith in mankind and brotherhood deeper than ever. Even the deepest faiths must be tested.

A few hours after I had heard of the tragedy, after I had finished asking how everyone was, relieved that no one I knew was hurt, I returned to my apartment. My father called and told me the news. The voicemail from my mother confirmed the same thing: "Lauren, call us, its important...Meeko's sister is dead." Lynn Goodchild was 25, on the second Boston/LA flight.

Meeko is Neil Goodchild, Lynn's brother. He was my brother's roommate and is until this day an extremely close member of our family. I panicked. What would Meeko do without her? Lynn was the world to Meeko; even as adults, the two still shared an apartment. I broke down for the second time that day. I cried for the United Sates, for Lynn and for Meeko. I left the following Sunday for home, and as I watched Meeko wave a flag from his exiting hearse. I continued to cry.

I don't know what should be done about terrorists; I don't know the solution for war. I know that I need to hold Meeko's hand, and I hope that everyone else in our country is willing to hold the hand of someone else. We, as a nation, are grieving right now and following grief we will become vengeful. I'm not saying that revenge is wrong or right. I'm just reminding you that--before you use your energy to lash out at those from other countries--there are those who do not share your particular view on our horriffic situation. You reach out to them first. We need to not feel alone. We need to be united.

Supporting the cause

Michael Sabella
Weekly Guest Columnist

At 10:00 a.m. my alarm went off, and as I groggily hit the snooze button I heard voices. Figuring that my roommate was being inconsiderate and talking to someone while I was trying to sleep, I turned over with the intention of yelling at him and then going back to bed. When I turned over I realized that it was not my roommate that was making the noise. He was intensely watching the television set. As my eyes gained focus I saw a picture on the screen of the Twin Towers with smoke coming from them, with the headline on the bottom of the screen reading "Planes Hit Twin Towers." My first thought was "Oh my God, a plane has crashed into the towers!" I soon learned that it was not that planes accidentally hit the towers, but that they were methodically rammed into them.

For the remainder of the day I sat in front of the TV with my friends as we watched the events unfold. I learned that not only had terrorists taken over 4 passenger planes, but that they had flown two into the Twin Towers, one into the Pentagon, and another had crashed near Pittsburgh. The United States has just become a victim in a war that most of the country was unaware we were fighting.

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Letter to The Editor

To The Editor:

In "A bed for every student" (News, Sept. 13), Alex Fitchell clearly shows what increasing enrollment has done to the housing situation. As News Editor last year, I was always happy to receive an article that contained facts- and that communicated those facts clearly; I'm sure this year's editors were equally pleased with Alex's efforts. But he writes that the "inability of capital improvement projects to keep pace with soaring admissions numbers is to blame for the tight housing situation." This conclusion, which is inappropriate for an article on the news pages, does not consider even the facts Alex communicates in his article.

The class of 2005 has approximately twenty fewer students than did the class of 2004 at this time last year. This is not a "soaring" number. It is true that the number of students on campus this year is higher than it was last year (because the number of freshman is greater than the number of 2001 graduates), but, as I wrote in he Muhlenberg Weekly last year, the College cannot keep the enrollment number steady in the near term without crashing its budget.

Further, Alex accurately and clearly communicates the following facts: that no freshmen were moved to the east side of campus; that there is actually a slight surplus of beds on the west end; that there are no doubles turned into triples; that the College is opening new dorms next semester; and that every student who requested housing was placed in a campus bed. This sounds to me like a perfect fit.

Last year, under my direction, The Weekly came down hard-but fairly-on the housing office for having a surplus of 78 beds and, at the same time, for refusing campus housing for presidential assistants. Those were 78 beds on which the College lost money--but which were denied to students who wanted them. To have a surplus of a handful of beds, instead of a surplus of 78, seems right on the mark.

If Alex were to revisit the conclusion he made, he would do well to consider, instead, how much money the College spends per bed per year in a leased house versus how much it spends per bed per year in a building it owns, considering the cost of the buildings and their expected lives. He may find that it is more expensive to lease than it is to build. But if he were to investigate further, he would find that the time it takes to build buildings is greater than the period of our enrollment increase.

- Jeff Baird

The right path to justice

Nancy Grove
Weekly Guest Columnist

Our anger is justified and our outrage is most definitely appropriate, but the question remains: How shall the US respond? We pride ourselves as being seekers of justice, and now, as always, justice is indeed the noble goal. But let us thoroughly consider the best path toward this end. Does justice include sending our siblings, neighbors and friends to war in Afghanistan? Not only would this grotesquely increase American bloodshed and mourning, it would intensify the suffering of Afghan people who have already endured lifetimes of misery as victims of the Nazi-esque Taliban regime.

Does justice include sending our siblings, neighbors and friends to war in Afghanistan?

Though their stories are not often heard mainstream, they too fall prey to the ruthless destruction of the Taliban. In fact, since 1997 when the Taliban took control of their government, Afghan people have endured extensive and relentless anguish: their land is poverty stricken, many are on the brink of starvation and many of their homes, schools and hospitals lie in heaps of rubble. Who are the victims? Who are our enemies?

We may all see the picture more clearly if we refuse the spoon feedings of mainstream media, and turn to more reliable and accurate news sources not refined by corporate filters. The result may not be the rising sense of nationalism, but humanism. Perhaps we will see that Tuesday's events were not just an attack on the United States, but an assault against humanity.

Our friends, relatives and fellow Americans in New York and DC are victims of brutal destruction. However despite my sadness and outrage, it sickens me to hear blood-thirst in the voices of leaders and representatives in government. Blind and brutal retaliation on a nation will only quench this carnal thirst. It will not take us one step down the road toward justice or peace. Let us channel our anger toward the appropriate targets, and avoid the path of war, which is the path of perpetuating senseless violence. Let us resist racist hate and condemn ignorant revenge as we proudly continue to be seekers of true justice.

The potential for another Manzanar

Michael Lerman
Head Copy Editor

Some time following the events of Tuesday and the declaration of suspicion of Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden, I began to worry for others not directly involved in the attack on America. Namely, I am worried about Arab Americans. Anger and an acute desire for vengeance is hardly unjustified for us, but we must take caution not to act rashly against the wrong people.

> *...we must keep from taking up arms against those innocents who live among us, who happen to be of Arabic descent.*

A few days ago, I received an e-mail that warned against an attitude towards Arabs similar to that we had towards the Japanese after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I, for one, had been voicing my concerns about just that.

In my sophomore year in high school, I read a book called Return to Manzanar. It was about the cruel enforcement of jailing American Japanese (most of whom were citizens!) in internment camps when the United States entered World War II. Essentially, all Japanese Americans were thrown in such camps as the Manzanar Relocation Center. Our government let its fear and prejudice take the forefront as it persecuted thousands of people, hiding behind the label they gave the prisoners, "under suspicion" for Pearl Harbor.

This must never happen again, even though our emotions and grief cannot be denied. Those who perpetrated this horrid act should indeed be gravely punished, but we must keep from taking up arms against those innocents who live among us, who happen to be of Arabic descent. Even our Attorney General, who has been accused of being prejudiced, has made a statement decrying any kind of violence against our Arab-American brethren, for that is indeed what they are. It is not their fault that our nation was assaulted. They're as American as we are, and they probably feel the same distress and antipathy we do. The tangible need for closure and revenge is universal across the nation. So saying, we must not have another Manzanar.

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The need to retaliate

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I was luckily able to get in touch with my family and was informed that none had been injured or killed. However, others would not be as fortunate. With each tragic story that I heard, my sorrow and anger grew. I demanded vengeance on those that dared to attack my country. I wanted President Bush to declare war immediately and lash out against those responsible. However, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that I was being foolish. Who would we declare war against? How could we fight an enemy that we could not see?

The enemy has now been revealed to be Osama bin Laden, the man who masterminded the first attack on the Twin Towers. He is currently believed to be in Afghanistan. Televised from the White House, President Bush delivered his speech to the nation. On the whole, it was a good speech, but the words that caught my attention were "We will not differentiate between the terrorists and the countries that harbor them." I was shocked by what he was saying; this marked a huge change in our foreign policy. Previous administrations seemed to shy away from this kind of approach to terrorism: President Bush has just made it the number one focus of his administration. And I, an American, support him 100%.

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Weekly Discourse: The Attack on America

Unleash retaliation, or search for a peaceful solution?

Thomas Peri

Weekly Guest Columnists

Stop watching. Turn off the TV. Start thinking. Patriotism is not a synonym for belligerence. Stop looking for revenge, start looking for a solution.

I grew up in a town ten miles from the World Trade Center. I know several people who made it out that day, and I know some that did not. When I first heard the horror, I was glued to the television in Seegers Union. Eyes wide open, staring at the screen from my seat on the carpet, unable to speak, unable to move. I have since turned off the television, and I refuse to turn it back on. These images, drenched in hyper-reality, evoke a response of anger, hostility, and impatient anticipation. The networks want you to believe that the whole thing will unfold right before your eyes in a matter of weeks as you watch every minute. Think clearly. These people have committed this act in desperation. They feel that our nation has had our hand tightly gripping their throats for years. Why grip harder, wouldn't that only succeed in making them more desperate? Why continue the cycle of violence? Why make martyrs? On the other hand, a much-needed change in certain foreign policies would only reward this subhuman act. So, you see our hands are tied. There is no short-term answer.

Last week I saw more tragedy than just those acts of terror. And though the courage and valor of Americans shined on like the sun, I was distraught by the things I have overheard both on television and around our campus. As we grieved, some unknown hatred grew in the hearts of many Americans, and racist comments about ethnic groups and foreign people found their way into the conversation. More upsetting was the sweeping generalization that to love this country meant that you had to be willing to kill anyone for it. I know what you think: from my comfortable distance I can easily espouse all sorts of ideological statements. It wasn't my cousin in there that day, or my father, or the love of my life. But I can make sure that it isn't my son or my daughter thirty years from now, when the next generation of extremists is raised believing they are enacting justice like these fanatics do now. Their sense of justice would be undoubtedly reinforced by the militant decimation that so many Americans are calling for. This will take years of investigation, diplomacy, and most of all, prudence. This ignorant bloodlust has to stop immediately. I understand the anger. I feel it too. But violence is not the answer. I am sorry that I cannot offer one. I can't tell you what to think. I just hope that you do.

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Eric Wert

Weekly Guest Columnist

Often, after an attack on those that we love and need, our immediate reaction is to seek revenge. When the scale of the attack affects thousands rather than just a few, the scale of the reaction is usually proportional. However, the need for painful revenge does not last forever. The blood lust usually dies with time only to be replaced with a feeling of emptiness and a need to know that such an act will never happen again.

The government of every freedom-loving nation has one, and only one, ultimate purpose: to protect its citizens. This is the foundation of our society and it provides protection against threats from both outsiders and fellow citizens. All other functions of government are secondary at best. This foundation is the reason for establishing a military. This foundation is the reason for a police force. And this foundation is the only reason why a society should allow laws to exist at all.

After an attack on our fellow citizens like the one we all witnessed on September 11, our government must do all it can to protect its citizens and insure that such an act will never again take place. For this reason, once our elected officials determine who is responsible for the attack, they must do all that they can to find the individual responsible, and bring him to justice. This is not a question of revenge or a need for blood. Rather, it is an issue of accountability. If an individual who hates our country and way of life thinks that he can attack us without response, there will be no means of stopping him or others from attacking again.

If a foreign government stands in our way, we must do everything necessary to remove them from our path. Though this may require military action, hesitation will allow future terrorists to think that they can commit their evil deeds while finding protection from enemy nations. Our elected officials must make every nation on this earth aware that by harboring a mass murderer wanted in the United States, the last remaining superpower, they will become our enemy and will suffer severe consequences.

For all of these reasons, it is crucial for the United States to take military action against Osama Bin Laden and the government that is hiding him. If, as it appears now, the Taliban government in Afghanistan is protecting bin Laden, our military, with the support of the United Nations, NATO, and a great number of foreign governments, must aggressively and effectively move towards bringing bin Laden to justice in the United States and destroying his terrorist organization worldwide. If we allow these kinds of horriffic actions to go unpunished again, (World Trade Center bombing, attack on USS Cole, dual bombing of United States embassies in East Africa), our government will not be performing its ultimate responsibility, forever leaving Americans vulnerable to future acts of violence.

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Pino D'Orazio

Weekly Columnist

Last week President Bush announced that "a group of barbarians have declared war on the United States of America." The issue that his administration now faces is how to go about dealing with these so-called barbarians. The most difficult reality facing the U.S. government has to do with the fact that the enemy has no clear identity, and is composed of small cells located all over the globe. These facts prevent one grand, swift strike on a specific location and require the U.S. to meticulously and painstakingly search for those responsible.

Many Americans are calling for quick and brutal revenge against our enemies and those nations that support them. Unfortunately a full-scale assault on these areas, while it may kill many responsible, may also prove to be futile. Much of the world has turned against the Muslim community due to the terror attacks. The stereotypes that say that all Arabs are terrorists increase much of the anti-Middle east sentiments and add to the willingness of Americans to bomb vast areas in search of the guilty parties. The truth is that these attacks are not fueled by a race of people following a particular religion. Rather, small networks of Islamic fanatics bent on destroying the West are the ones responsible, and these people are the ones who should be punished for their heinous actions. On the other hand, it is very true that some governments and states harbor terrorists and allow them to continue functioning. The new U.S. policy should, and will be, to punish the regimes responsible for providing the sanctuary, facilities, and training that encourage these groups to thrive. The unprecedented attacks last week have opened a new era; an era which holds those who promote terrorism equally as guilty as the terrorists themselves.

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These new policies hold the entire terrorist network responsible, from the top down. This means that a broad range of groups, and perhaps governments, are going to be chastised by force. At the same time, we must all take a minute and actually look and see why such hatred of the West (particularly the United States) exists. This war against terrorism can be won if it is fought correctly. If force is used indiscriminately, the United States will be doing nothing more than adding to the death toll of innocent civilians. These terrorists have no regard for human life and want to see pictures of innocent Muslims being killed by the United States. Nothing would please them more than to get more and more people turning against the West, leading to more death on both sides. The United States has to weed out these fanatics, forcefully punish them for their crimes, and then adopt a policy of diplomacy in order to rebuild the bridge between the East and the West. Only after the evil-doers are gone can we begin to improve relations with these countries and their people. In order to prevent future problems, the rift between east and West must be healed, and the United States must lead the effort.

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World Game opens hunger series on campus

First International relations trade simulation

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS & MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly Staff Writers

Participants sit on the giant world map at a similar World Game event.

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Using the largest, most accurate map of the earth, interested students participated in the "World Game," which set out to involve students in a simulation of international relations. The World Game came to the College as part of the "Hunger in the Midst of Plenty: Causes and Solutions" series currently happening on campus, sponsored by the College's Center for Ethics and Leadership. The event precluded Tuesday's tragic events by a day.

> *The World Game is a "global simulation."*
>
> Gregor Barnum,
> World Game Institute Staff

Once divided into groups, students sat on the map and gathered resources, in the form of poker chips, that represented the food and energy their country had to work with. They also collected cards representing money, work, natural resources and technology surpluses.

The goal was to trade with other countries and corporations to get the required amount of energy and food needed, thus earning "good will points." At the end of the game, the team with the most good will points won. The eventual outcome was that Europe had the most good will points. Japanese and North American teams also did well.

Gregor Barnum, a World Game Institute staff member who helped run the event on Monday, Sept. 10, described the event as a "global simulation." Barnum, who has been involved for about one and a half years with the game, explained that the floor map, which was spread out in the Life Sports Center, is the "board."

The participants are the game pieces. They are divided into regions, corporations, and non-government organizations (NGO). Some students, for example, represented the people of China, while others represented "BigCo," a mock business. Countries and businesses were represented by their population. India and China had many more people in their groups than those representing Japan.

There are usually three rounds in the World Game and it takes four hours to complete. Due to time constraints, a shorter two-round version was played.

The game leaders made it very clear that this was not like a board game where everyone begins with equal amounts of paper money. Some countries had initial advantages over others. The group representing Europe needed less food than those competing on behalf of India, for example. China's group had a lot of labor to trade, but not an abundance of money.

Barnum remarked that although the game does not include the ability to declare war, "there are little skirmishes that come up."

Student reporters reported the status of each country, corporation, organization between rounds, including which countries were having troubled relations.

In the second round Animosity and Goodwill Cards were given out. Groups could deliver these cards to each other in order to earn good will points.

F. Buckminister Fuller, a philosopher and architect, developed the World Game. Fuller wanted people to better understand just how the international relations of our world function.

The game itself is run by the World Game Institute whose primary goal is to provide a hands-on world experience for those who participate.

Years of Novell trouble yields new software

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recently been installed.

This system sends a central computer all website addresses that anyone connected to MulNet recently visited. This will create faster downloads of those web pages for everyone on the network.

It has not only been MuhlNet that has been upgraded in the past several months.

The college has over 300 public computers in the library and labs on campus. Of these computers, 125 have been replaced. The old ones are being updated and redistributed to faculty.

The $500,000 project does not end there. Miller also said that OIT is planning to install a new e-mail system.

The current program Pine is widely known as not being user friendly. Sophomore Daniel Engelberg III doesn't use his college e-mail address. He said, "It's so much trouble using Pine that I have just given up. Now I use a Hotmail account."

When asked if he would use an updated web-based email account, he said he would "absolutely" use an account that was easier to operate.

The Office of Information Technology has changes currently in the works for just this type of e-mail. The new e-mail should be up and running by the end of the semester.

Additionally, the new software would reduce the number of times students have to restart their computers after connections are broken.

First poll conducted on recent terrorist attacks

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Chris Borick, professor of political science, in his office.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

The Institute will be conducting a number of projects each semester that examine public opinion in the Lehigh Valley, State of Pennsylvania and nationally. "We have entered into a long term agreement with The Morning Call to conduct surveys on topics of interest to readers in the area," Borick told The Weekly.

The Institute will conduct public opinion research and polling on local, regional and national issues. Together, The Morning Call and the College announced a joint effort to produce major polls twice each semester. Borick, an assistant professor of political science, will direct the Institute.

Students will have numerous opportunities to participate in the Institute. Each year two or three students will be selected to serve as year-long interns with the organization.

Interns will learn all aspects of the research process including survey design, data collection and analysis. These interns will also help in the selection training and management of the institute's staff. The 2001-2002 interns are Chris Titze, senior, and Meghan McInnis, junior.

In addition to two major polls a semester, the Institute will provide opportunities for additional smaller surveys. David M. Erdman, The Morning Call managing editor, said, "This is a good opportunity to take the pulse of this community and get at information about which previously we could only speculate. Readers will find this to be a great service that adds a deep dimension to our coverage and, I expect, will set the tone for civic debate in the Lehigh Valley."

Students can participate at the center as interviewers and data technicians. Interviewers will be trained in procedures for scientific based polling, and participate in the design of survey instruments. Data technicians will help with the collection, entry and analysis of data gathered by the Institute. All positions are paid, and Borick said, "we will be looking to put together this year's staff by early October."

The College and The Morning Call recently signed a partnership agreement. "This is an exciting partnership and a win-win situation for both parties," said College President Arthur Taylor. "The newspaper gets the credibility of quality, non-biased polling, while our students get terrific first-hand research and polling experience."

The Morning Call/ Muhlenberg College Public Opinion Poll will cover all costs. The Institute's initial jump start was a $128,000 grant awarded to the College from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The majority of the grant will fund faculty projects, course development and improvements within the political science department. Additional funding will be used for course development in the Accounting, Business and Economics departments. Emphasis will be place on enhancing these majors to include technology-specific skills.

The grant allows the College to provide practical internships through the Institute. It also will enable the college to continue existing business/government partnerships, including the City of Allentown's Urban Observatory.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown -- Federal permits for managing erosion and storm water during construction will probably prevent the Allentown Arena Corp. from starting to build an indoor sports venue in south Allentown by November, state and county officials said Monday. A letter sent last week by an engineering firm working for the Allentown Arena Corp. indicated that it intends to apply for a permit that "will cover construction of the entire site development, which will occur approximately from November 2001 through October 2002." A PPL Corp. employee, his company truck parked on Mack Boulevard, was eyeing a set of arena blueprints. He said he was studying the plan in relation to the power lines at the site. Efforts to reach representatives of the Allentown Arena Corp. and Edenwood Realty, the land's owners, were unsuccessful.

Lehigh University -- The University can have its books and read them, too, under a zoning change proposed by Bethlehem Mayor Don Cunningham. After facing opposition from Bethlehem attorney Larry Fox, Lehigh in March dropped plans to include retail shops in its $23 million Campus Square dormitory and business complex being built along Morton Street, adjacent to the existing college campus in South Bethlehem. Lehigh had planned two five-story buildings with retail space and student housing, and two three-story buildings of residential units that would house 250 students in 69 apartments.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Mostly sunny
High: 74 Low: 53	High: 74 Low: 49	High: 73 Low: 51

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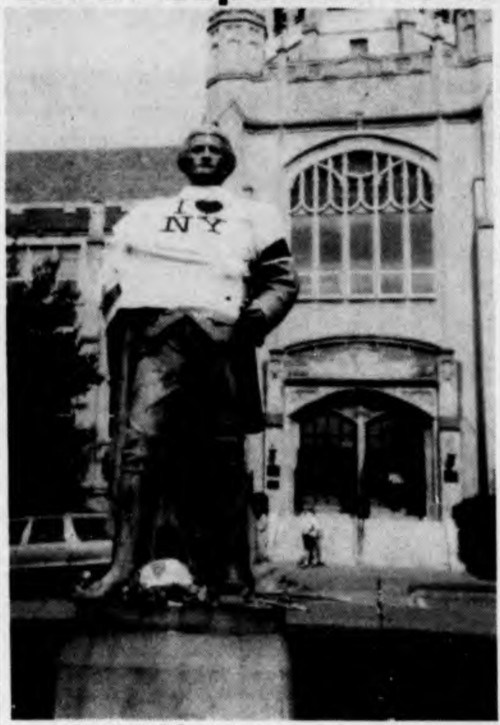

Henry Muhlenberg statue dons t-shirt remembering victims.

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tered the city via Liberty State Park, N.J. Kerian and Hayes returned to the same place they were Thursday night. Rescue efforts were much more organized, according to Kerian.

The pair then moved to and area just outside of Tower A of the World Financial Center where their help was needed. Treating firefighters with injuries ranging from cuts, bruises and swelling, to exhaustion and heat related problems, the two worked through Friday night. According to the students, "Everyone was thankful to all those helping out."

Back on campus, faculty and students united to help each other deal with these tragic and angering events. The College acted immediately by assembling a network of faculty with walkie-talkies. Most cellular phones had no service on Tuesday and the walkie-talkies that the faculty, such as Peter Bredlau and Patti Middleman, carried substituted for cellular communication. By late Tuesday morning, the College organized a campus assembly on the front lawn at 12:30. That night, students and faculty gathered for Jewish and Roman Catholic religious services as well as for a candlelight ceremony. Classes scheduled at or after 5 p.m. were cancelled.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, said, "We must continue to be vigilant." The school has been checking up on alumni all week who they know worked in the WTC, Wilson told The Weekly. News comes slowly, and, according to Wilson, for some people it is hard to wait.

When asked what efforts the College was making to ensure they knew of students whose friends or family's lives were believed to be lost in the attacks, Wilson told The Weekly that the school was "aware of individual situations." The Dean stressed the importance of protecting these students' privacy at this extremely sensitive period of shock.

Kerian and Hayes worked through this shocking experience until Saturday morning when they left the city.

On campus, classes resumed Wednesday morning while all athletic activities and speakers or lectures were postponed. Televisions in the Seegers Union lobby were tuned to live coverage of rescue efforts in New York and Washington that night. The communication department organized a community lecture in the Red Door Thursday afternoon. On Friday, an assembly in front of the Haas College Center drew students and faculty to a memorial service.

> *"I prayed and promised myself that I would go in and do whatever I could with a clear head."*
>
> Ryan Kerian,
> EMS Captain

Classes cancelled after small fire

An electrical fire, which led to a power outage in Trumbower, caused the power to go out in Shankweiler, Taylor Hall and Walz Hall last Tuesday afternoon. Classes were cancelled in Trumbower for the remainder of the day. A drain line that went unnoticed caused the fire when it leaked and caught insulation on fire. The power was restored in by 2 p.m. Tuesday. The electricity in Trumbower was expected to return some time late Tuesday night.

Dean's office takes over shuttle bus service as its popularity grows

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ing the passes and dealing with the requests of parents has added a significant increase in work for the Dean of Students Office.

Schubert stated "my secretary Susan Stachowski and I pulled together and she helped me a lot with the work load. It takes up a lot of time but we don't mind because of the service it provides."

The new committee that will oversee the shuttle service will involve members of Dean of Students Office, Ken Lupole, the Campus Safety Director, and a student representative Josh Brookstein. This committee plans to meet monthly. The shuttles run every weekend as long as the weather is not inclement.

As a result, many passes were issued, the College began to look for alternative means than just providing a fourteen passenger shuttle to transport students to the shopping centers.

Thus the college added a shuttle bus to help ease the number of students waiting to board for van transportation.

With estimates of approximately 200 students using the shuttle service over the past two weekends, the addition of the shuttle buses is successful.

There are limited situations where a large number of students are stuck waiting because everyone wants to use the same van at the same time.

Seating was the main the reason the College looked into to using the shuttle buses in the first place.

The accommodation of students wanting to use the service was the first priority.

Schubert is happy with the increased numbers because "the students are given options to travel from the center and they get an opportunity to meet other students while traveling."

Another new addition to the service is the presence of new drivers. Originally students drove the vans but now the College uses older, more experienced drivers, most of whom hold a commercial driver's license.

The requirements for obtaining this license include a driving program in the city, a written test and a review of their driver's licenses.

Students can go through this same process to obtain the license. This comes into play when a student club needs to use the van for an activity.

Community forum to reflect and discuss events

Faculty lead first in series of events

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly Staff Writer

After Tuesday's attacks, many on campus wanted to reflect on and discuss the events. In response, the communication and political science departments organized the first in a series of community forums for students and faculty to talk about different aspects of the issue.

David Tafler, head of the communication department, opened last Thursday's forum by declaring that we have lived through a historical moment that will not be forgotten.

The group was shown footage of Pakistani celebrations in response to the events on Sept. 11. Then a discussion ensued about the need people feel to keep watching the television coverage. Several students commented that watching kept them informed with the current happenings. One student said she believed many of the stations were turning the tragedy into somewhat of an "action movie," and another mentioned that he was disgusted that he felt compelled to watch the scenes of destruction.

Professors brought up the point that when watching television, we are not only watching the catastrophes, but also the media event.

Tafler stressed that it is important to understand the actions taken rather than simply reacting to the events. Then Jack Gambino, professor of political science, expanded this idea by pointing out how media phrases such as "America under Attack" and "act of war" may be inciting Americans to seek revenge. Gambino suggested that such phrases may end in an ineffective and thoughtless reaction. He believes the United States will never be able to get even without committing heinous crimes, as the terrorists did.

Many felt the media coverage failed to educate the public on the past events which could help gain some understanding of the reasons why such hatred exists toward our country.

A student from Africa, who has lived in the U.S. for five years, commented that although people in central Africa sometimes hate American foreign policy, they do not necessarily hate Americans. It is easy to "demonize a whole group of people," especially when Americans have the right to elect officials to office.

To close the first forum, Tafler told the group that there is an uphill, necessary battle to be fought and encouraged everyone to continue to work toward building understanding and peace. He also reminded everyone present that there will be additional discussions. He hopes more people will attend. Many were encouraged by the fact that students and faculty members became actively involved in the discussion. As Gambino pointed out, "We can't be quiet about it."

FALL BREAK

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned/leased houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on October 5, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on October 9, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach
- Student Teachers

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $25.00 per day charge.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by September 26, 2001. Approval letter will be sent out by October 1st with instructions for the break period. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 10 – Theft – A blue jean jacket was reported stolen from a 2141 Chew Street.

Sept. 10 – Injured Student – A student dislocated his left ring finger on the football field.

Sept. 11 – Vandalism – A vehicle at the Tremont Apartments had its driver side window smashed and items stolen.

Sept. 11 – Theft – A black 8-speed Mongoose mountain bike was stolen from the rear of a house at 2412 Tilghman Street.

Sept. 11 –Fire Alarm – Steam from a shower set off an alarm in East Hall.

Sept. 12 – Hit and Run – A student hit a street pole on Turner & Parkway Blvd. The student proceeded to flee the scene on foot, and was later identified from the license plate and Muhlenberg parking permit left on the car. The automobile was totaled.

Sept. 12 – Alcohol Violation – A student from Walz was cited for an alcohol violation and attempting to steal a sign from a wall in Walz. The student was referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 12 – Hit & Run – An automobile parked on the 2500 block of Liberty Street was side swiped.

Sept. 12 – Property Found – A wallet was found in Moyer. It was returned to the owner.

Sept. 13 – Fire – A tree branch was on fire at the football field behind TKE with a small bottle of lighter fluid next to it.

Sept. 13 – Harassment – An automated calling system repeatedly called a student at 2223 Chew Street.

Sept. 13 – Information – A student logged onto another student's Instant Messenger screen name. The password was saved on a Library computer. It is no longer possible to save passwords on public computers.

Sept. 13 – Theft – A faculty parking placard was stolen from an automobile in the faculty parking lot.

Sept. 13 – Injured Student – A student tripped outside of AEP.

Sept. 14 – Suspicious Person – A female student was approached on Gordon and 21st Streets by a middle aged male with un-kept hair. The suspect was wearing jeans, a black t-shirt, and a hat. He was also carrying two flags of football teams. The man also asked the student if he could go back to her room.

Sept. 14 – Theft – A student left the Texaco station on Tilghman without paying.

Sept. 15 – Injured Visitor – A visitor suffered an ankle injury on Kern field.

Sept. 15 – Theft – A wildlife poster was stolen out of a room in ML.

Sept. 16 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was logged for 2237 Liberty Street.

Sept. 16 – Disorderly Conduct – A student, Kevin Fitzpatrick was cited for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 16 – Alcohol Violation – Four students in Walz were referred to the Dean, and three non-students received letters of trespass.

Sept. 16 – Disturbance – A student, Mark-Vincent Padula, was cited for disorderly conduct, and another student was referred to the Dean.

Sept. 16 – Noise Complaint – Residents of 2143 Chew were asked to keep quiet.

Sept. 16 – Fire Safety Violation – A coffee maker was left on in Ettinger.

Sept. 16 – Theft – Flags were stolen from outside of AEP.

Sept. 16 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm was set off in ML due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 17 – Stolen Vehicle – An automobile may have been stolen from outside the Tremont Apartments.

Sept. 17 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 Albright Street due to steam in the bathroom.

Middle school kids discuss attack reactions

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Hebrew school students talk to Justin Groen, junior.
Photo by Kelly Lehman

Area middle school students recalled where they were when they heard about the World Trade Center plane crash. A group of sixth graders discussed their reactions to the tragedy with Justin Groen, junior, the day after the attacks. According to the sixth graders, they were notified of the tragedy almost immediately after the media released information of a plane crash. At that point they watched television coverage of the event from their classrooms for the rest of the day.

While area middle schools openly discussed the tragedy, other schools in the region decided to withhold news of the attacks from their students for the entire day Tuesday.

An account from Chris Bendowski, a fifth grade teacher from the Pocono Mountain School District, indicated that not all schools permitted open discussion of the tragedy.

According to Bendowski, the principals at individual schools within her district made the decision whether or not to tell the students about the tragedy.

"We did not tell our children," Bendowki said, "It was hard because many of them have family who work in New York." Bedowski believes many schools in the Pocono Mountain area chose not to notify students on Tuesday of the crashes because so many of them knew friends and family who were at or near the sight of the two crashes in New York.

Many parents picked up their children during classes Tuesday from Bendowski's school.

Groen facilitated the group of about fifteen children, from the Congregation Keneseth Israel's Hebrew school, on the front lawn of the synagogue located at 2227 Chew Street.

When Groen asked his group to comment on President Bush's speech he gave Tuesday night, Eric Konigsberg, from Eyer Middle School, said, "I thought part of his speech was very thoughtful." Konigsberg called the President's words "good" because, "the whole U.S. should stick together so there won't be any terrorists." Curious students also asked about "figures" and inquired as to the number of deaths tallied.

Students from the Hebrew school represented middle schools such as Moravian Academy, Springhouse Middle School and Eyer Middle School.

According to Groen's group, while some school principals allowed teachers to tune their classroom radios or televisions to news coverage the day after the tragedy, most did not.

The students reported that most of their teachers did not turn a T.V. on in their classrooms. Bendowski recalled that her students were "very concerned" when they came to class Wednesday.

Displaying patriotism

Following the tragedy Sept. 11, the College posted American flags across campus. The flags circle the Academic Row driveway, as well as the statue. MILE houses and other campus buildings, such as Hillel, were given flags.
Photo by Kelly Lehman

Rush period shortened to 5 days due to holiday

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Across campus, sororities and fraternities invited eligible rush candidates to attend their first rush events last weekend. Rush candidates, or "rushes," include any sophomore, junior or senior who is not already Greek-affiliated.

There are 330 eligible candidates to rush this semester. Rush was cut down from eight days to five days this year.

The decrease was due to Rosh Hashanah falling in the middle of rush week Tuesday. The decision to reduce the events was a collective one made between Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students.

> *"The decision to reduce the events was a collective one made between myself, Rudy and the IFC."*
>
> Chip Hurd
> Associate Dean of Students

A number of other new rules were established for rush this semester. The Pan-Hellenic Council (Pan-Hell) also set new policies for this year's sorority rush. The sororities are no longer allowed to hang bed sheets that congratulate the new pledges, for example.

Hurd told The Weekly he is willing to allow individual sororities "break the rules" as long as the hanging of the sheets in Parents Plaza was not "hurting anyone."

The IFC is allowing an open rush this year. Last year, one fraternity was allowed an event each night. This gave rushes the opportunity to visit all the houses and gave the fraternities the opportunity to have as many events in the shorter rush period.

Most male rush candidates will now attend the events at the fraternities they are most interested in joining, whereas girls must attend events at all four houses.

This year 145 females signed up for rush. The men do not sign up to rush. By the end of rush, about 15-20 percent of rushes usually withdraw by bid day on Friday. TKE tallied 56 pledges last year, the most of any fraternity on campus.

Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Phi Sigma Sigma met or surpassed their quota, or the number of girls Pan-Hell permits them to accept last year. Phi Mu was the only sorority below their quota with twenty girls bidding there. Each sorority is allowed to have 75 members, while the exception is made to allow more than 75 into the sororities, as long as all sororities are allowed the same number of extra positions.

Starting last Saturday, the fraternities began holding rush events such a semi-formal date party and barbecues. Female candidates began rush by touring all four sorority houses last Sunday.

According to the Pan-Hell Sorority Guidebook, all girls signed up to rush must visit every house for half an hour during house tours. After that time, the group must move on to the next house. Their Rochi, a mentor for rushes who does not reveal her sorority affiliation during rush, leads a group of about five or six girls from house to house.

For fraternities, the rush schedule is less stringent than the sororities'. Men are not required to visit every fraternity's house during rush, unlike women.

The college does not have to follow any national guidelines; it works with the IFC student leaders to establish their own set of rules and policies for fraternities.

Following house tours on Sunday, both male and female rushes have Monday and Tuesday off from rush. Then, from this past Wednesday through tomorrow, the sororities follow a schedule outlined the Pan-Hell guidelines. Wednesday was theme night, tonight will be skit night, and on Friday, the rushes attend a formal ceremony in Ettinger Hall. After the formal, the women sign their bid cards in Seegers Union.

Fraternities also schedule rush events from Wednesday through Friday. But their activities are planned by the individual fraternities and do not necessarily coincide with each other. The fraternity rushes sign their bid cards in the Chapel on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m.

WEEKLY life!

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING IN ANYONE'S LIFE AS AN UNIMPORTANT DAY."

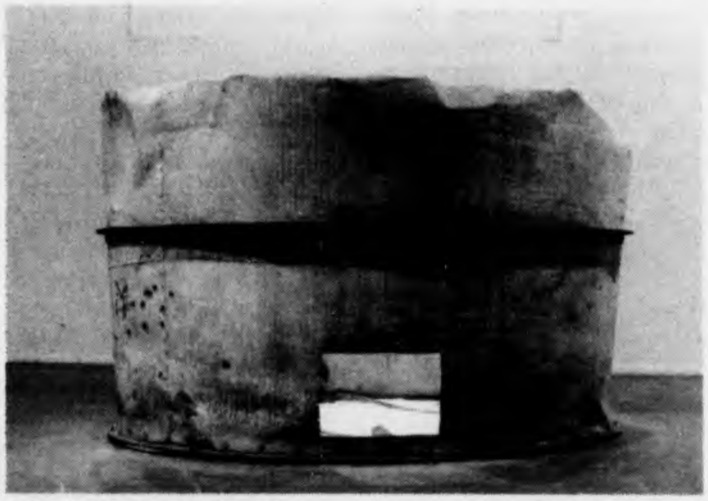
-ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT

Presenting Muhlenberg's own at the Martin Art Gallery: *Raymond Barnes and Joseph Elliott*

BY JESSICA SKROCKI
Life! Editor

It stands a dark, stalwart mass, slightly off-center in the large white room. Through a window in its side can be seen small chips of bright yellow sulfur. Along the walls surrounding it are different types of windows, landscapes divided into dissimilar panels. The exhibition with which the Martin Art Gallery opened last Friday is far from traditional. Entitled *New Work*, the exhibition displays pieces by art professors Raymond Barnes and Joseph Elliott.

Located in the Baker Center for the Arts, the Martin Art Gallery collection includes work ranging from Rembrandt van Rijn to William Blake to Mark di Suvero (creator of the colossal red "Victor's Lament"). Now, with this display by two of the College's own professors, art aficionados have the opportunity to view local (and to some, familiar) talent.



Above: Raymond Barnes' "Untitled," 2001. Mild steel, stainless steel and sulfur.

PHOTOS BY JESSICA SKROCKI

Barnes' 3-dimensional work, "Untitled" (2001), is in the medium of mild steel, stainless steel, and sulfur. The cylindrical piece of steel is approximately 10 feet in diameter and represents Barnes' interest in "the calculated manipulation of the found object." The art of the found object broke through as a movement in the post-WWII era with artists such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. Barnes' artwork seems inspired by this, along with the important aspect of color. The contrast of the yellow sulfur with the dark, murky steel is stunning, as are the large neon yellow and pink vinyl prints (both also "Untitled") hanging behind the work. As he states simply, "color is very important to me." Barnes' style can best be described as "what you see is what you get" – there are no illusions here. Additionally, his choice of materials adds to the industrial effect and meshes well with Elliott's photography.

Elliott's gelatin silver prints mounted on aluminum, featuring construction sites and other industrial scenes, are examples of stark realism presented in a unique manner. His photographs break the mold of traditional photography, which forces a piece into a standard sized frame. These panoramic scenes spread across the wall in a way similar to how the human eye perceives the horizon, a process Elliott refers to as "scanning."

"Scanning gathers information sequentially, rather than instantaneously as the camera's shutter does," says Elliott. "The horizontal limits of the frame disappear." When the camera is rotated on the tripod, there are an infinite number of possibilities in regards to the length of the panorama. And his landscapes do indeed appear limitless. Composed of three to six panels each, each landscape can be viewed from a distance to see one continuous image, or close up to be studied one panel at a time, the way the photographs were taken. As for the subject matter, Elliott aims his lens at

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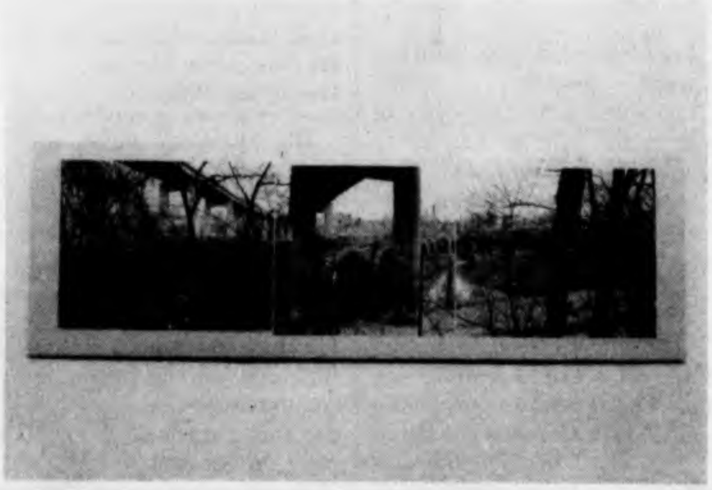
Below: Joseph Elliott's "Falls Bridges," 1998. Gelatin silver print mounted on aluminum.



Question of the Week:

Which brand of pizza did you like the best?

In an event sponsored by the Interfraternity Council last Friday, pizza vendors from around Allentown gathered in Moyer to distribute their best pies, along with free gifts, to students who paid a cover charge at the door. Proceeds benefitted Turning Point, a local shelter.

"Papa John's."
-Tiffany Reed '02

"Papa John's."
-Eric Kneisel '03

"Parma Pizza."
-Lauren Mitola '04

"Domino's."
-Joel Garcia '05

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Mindless humor at its best: *Rat Race* is good for laughs

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BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer

Just when the integrity of comedy has hit its lowest in insulting audience intelligence, the new feature film *Rat Race* bumps the rung one notch lower. *Rat Race* evokes random and frequent laughs at the most basic and juvenile of humor.

It is full of crazy and unexpected plot twists that only such entertainment spectacles like whodunits can provide. The jokes are corny, the script is elementary and the cast is a potluck jumble of any actor currently working between blockbuster films. As a quality film, it is simply a big zero. As a ridiculous comedy, it's pure genius.

The plot is simple, yet full of undermining turns even the most suspecting and psychic moviegoer can appreciate. The title says it all. The starting point is the luscious and extravagant Venetian hotel in Las Vegas. Eight people of all ages, genders and nationalities who are down on their luck strike it big when they find some lucky slot machines. Gambling tycoon John Cleese, all-too-famous and well-loved creator of Monty Python, lets the eight lucky ones loose on a flying goose chase to Silver City where a truck-load of cash resides in a locker at the city's bus station. Each person receives a key and tracking device. That's it. No rules. No restrictions, and they'll do *anything* to get to the prize, anything!

If not appreciated for its plot, *Rat Race*'s characters are more than enough to draw one to pay for the ticket stub. Rowan Atkinson, in this movie Mr. Bean with a voice and Italian accent, is a crazy narcoleptic who is entertained by Arethra Franklin and frequent bouts of drowsiness. Cuba Gooding Jr. is an NFL referee haunted by bad judgment on a flip of a commemorative coin. Whoopi Goldberg appears in her true form as a wild-haired, overly exuberant woman who just should have bought a squirrel. Among other mentionables are Wayne Knight recovering from his role of Newman from the sitcom *Seinfeld*, Seth Green appearing between *Austin Powers* sequels, and Kathy Najimi re-employed after the cancellation of *Veronica's Closet*. Last but never least, John Lovitz plays a neurotic, greedy idiot savant of sorts who finds himself mixed up with Nazi memorabilia. This film has more stars than the Milky Way, and the casting is of epic proportions. These stars shine bright in their own typical roles of fools and jesters.

Rat Race scores the most points with its unexpected and completely out-of-nowhere plot twists. There are cows, hot air balloons, and car chases; soap-sud avalanches and *I Love Lucy* imposters -- in drag; electrocution, harmless Jewish jokes and human

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WMUH now broadcasting 'Berg football games

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

Football fans, you'll never have to worry about missing a game again, thanks to the College's very own radio station, WMUH 91.7. The station broadcast last weekend's football game live on the airwaves and plans to continue to do so.

What does that mean for students who are psyched for a game the week before? Those who decide to go home for a weekend can click on the radio station's link on the Muhlenberg homepage, and through RealPlayer, can feel like they're right in the middle of all the action.

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Also, those who do not feel adventurous enough to follow the football players around the east coast for each away game may soon be able to hear these away games broadcast as well.

Angela Kessler, WMUH's public relations director, is confident regarding the success of this new program, especially after the first broadcast this past Saturday went smoothly. She explained how this type of program will be helpful to alumni and other Muhlenberg fans in the town that may not always have the opportunity to view a game live in the campus' stadium, as they will now have other options.

The method that makes this all possible requires the use of a remote on the playing field that transmits a signal back to the station itself, yielding a live program that is without delays.

Furthermore, DJs will use time-outs and half-times to play both music and various public service announcements. Listeners will never be out of sync with the game. Greg Kadetsky and Justin Deutsch, two WMUH DJs, called the play-by-play action last weekend, and they will continue to do so in upcoming games.

So if you are feeling unusually sluggish on Saturday or Sunday afternoon and cannot fathom walking to the Scotty Wood Stadium, tune your FM dial to 91.7, sit back and relax.

New computer lab opens doors for students

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

It's Thursday night, and your paper is due in eight hours. Having slipped away from the noise and distraction of the never-ending party in your dorm room, you head over to the library only to find that all the computers are in use (not surprisingly, by the rest of your class, who also seek quiet refuge in one of the library's computer labs). Well, you are in luck. There is now a new computer lab in the library, which is available for all students to use.

Lori Vroegindewey '04 utilizes one of the computers in Trexler Library's new lab.

The thirty-two IBM computers in the library's new lab, located in room B-01, are more advanced than those found around campus. Unlike a majority of the other computers at Muhlenberg which use Microsoft Windows 95, those in the library's new lab use Windows 2000. In addition to this improvement, the new computers also use the Internet Explorer Browser, as opposed to the more common and more archaic Netscape.

According to Kelly Cannon, Head Reference Librarian, this new computer lab will greatly benefit the students. Cannon explains, "there are now about 60 classes a semester that use the library for internet training. The new computer lab will be a place where they can meet as a class." Cannon also specified, "When it is not being used for library classes, the new lab will serve as a computer lab for anyone who needs it."

There are currently three computer labs in the library and one computer annex in the reference section on Level A. Therefore, as a result of the construction of the new computer lab, the library is well suited to meet the needs of all the students. The actual technical support for this new lab comes from OIT; however, the lab assistants and the paper are supplied by the library. Director of the library, Tom Gaughan, played an extremely significant role in receiving the funding for this computer lab. He says, "I hope many students will take advantage of this new 32 workstation computer lab." Gaughan also said that through Academic Support, the library will house equipment for visually impaired students.

Muhlenberg's technological future looks brighter than ever. "All of the library's computers will eventually be upgraded to Microsoft 2000," Cannon explained. "They will also soon all be using Internet Explorer Browser, rather than Netscape."

And now for something completely different: *Singer Rufus Wainwright is blunt and quirky*

life! *review*

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer

This past summer was a season of new releases and albums that amazed both music listener and disc jockey alike. We heard dazzling new girl-power hip-hop of Eve with Gwen Stefani and Blu Cantrell. We revisited old style jazz and blues with brass and drawling piano with Alicia Keys' breakthrough performances. Boy bands, here we come: N'Sync and Backstreet Boys slightly altered, like Clash of the Titans, smashed heads again. Yet, as pop music swept the charts and the airwaves, less sparkling artists made their marks with just as much gusto and charm as any Drop of Jupiter. One in particular worth recognizing is Rufus Wainwright, the most non-conforming singer I've ever had the pleasure to hear.

Son of the kooky, off-the-wall folk singer Louden Wainwright III, who perhaps is well-known (and scarily well-loved) by some of our parents, Rufus Wainwright made this year's debut with his second, and somewhat musically revised, album *Poses* early this summer. In the past, this young and rather unusual musician has opened many an eye with his bizarre lyrics about touchy sexual and relationship issues. His instrumental compositions have been corny, yet catchy. With his new album, Rufus explores the world of Broadway-esque stylings and chords. His lyrics are more generic and enjoyable, often focusing on life's extravagance and pleasures in "Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk" (the meaning of this song sounds like a composition out of *The Sound of Music*). The music of the album is complicated and intertwined, and his droning and sometimes monotonous voice is soothing with the overlapping lines of both gospel and synthesized lines. He even makes a very valiant attempt on a cover of one of his ironically woman-crazed father's songs entitled "One Man Guy".

Rufus by no means fits any social norms. He speaks openly about his sexual persuasion and incorporates it in interviews. I saw him recently on Politically Incorrect and was extremely amused by his wit and extremely odd responses to the today's issues. If anything, he's an entertainer, and not necessarily in the musical realm. His answers in interviews with Rolling Stone are staggered and discontinuous, but they are funny and put a different spin on what he and others may think of as musical genius. He's cocky, indiscreet and hilarious.

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Mind you, music lovers, Rufus Wainwright's style is only for a few selective fans, but his instrumentals in *Poses* may appeal to the Broadway lover in all of us. His lyrics, however, may appeal to those only with extremely open musical penchants; he's extremely weird. If you are looking for something extremely divergent, and even deviant, from the repetitive pop we all hear in our cars and bathrooms, give Rufus a chance. If at first you don't like him, hear him out. Like a good chunk of cheese, he gets better with age.

Public reading by poet Stern

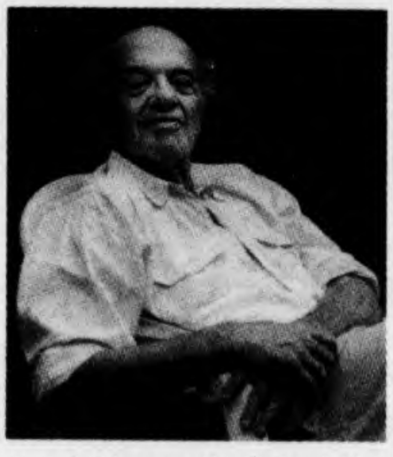
BY JESSICA SKROCKI
Life! Editor

Gerald Stern, winner of the National Book Award for his poetry collection, *This Time, New & Selected Poems*, is scheduled to visit the College on Monday, September 24. Other works by Stern include *Leaving Another Kingdom*, which won the PEN Award, and *Bread Without Sugar*, awarded the Patterson Poetry Prize.

He has also taught at the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop.

The celebratory nature of Stern's poetry, along with his open form and long lines, is reminiscent of the poetic voice of Walt Whitman.

Stern has described his own poetry as "post-Holocaust and post-nuclear Whitman." His sources of inspiration come from King Lear, the Prophets, Goya, Celan, and Hasidic, Talmudic and Jewish mystical writings.



This reading is open to the public and is sponsored by Writers at Muhlenberg as part of the Living Writers course.

Sarah Kersh '03, who is in the class, says, "I'm really excited to see Gerald Stern and hear him read. I'd like to ask him questions about his enigmatic poetry."

The reading is free and will be held in the Recital Hall in the Center for the Arts at 7:00 p.m.

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Hearts in Atlantis (sneak preview)
Fri.-7:30; Sat.-7:30
Glitter
Fri.-4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 8:15
Hardball
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:10
The Others
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:15; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:10
The Musketeer
Fri.-4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:15
Rat Race
Fri.-4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:00
The Princess Diaries
Fri.-4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:50
Rush Hour 2
Fri.-4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 7:45
Rock Star
Fri.-4:30; Sat.-1:30, 4:30; Sun.-1:30, 4:30
Jeepers Creepers
Fri.-9:50; Sat.-9:50; Sun.-7:45

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Glitter
Fri. and Sat.-1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00; Sun.-1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Hardball
Fri. and Sat.-1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40, 12:00; Sun.-1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
Rock Star
Fri. and Sat.-4:40, 9:45; Sun.-4:40, 9:45
The Musketeer
Fri. and Sat.-2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Soul Survivors
Fri. and Sat.-2:10, 7:10, 12:00; Sun.-2:10, 7:10
Jeepers Creepers
Fri. and Sat.-2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20, 12:00; Sun.-2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20
American Pie 2
Fri. and Sat.-1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10, 12:00; Sun.-1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10
The Others
Fri. and Sat.-2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50, 12:00; Sun.-2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 2
Fri. and Sat.-2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55; Sun.-2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55
Rocky Horror Picture Show (special midnight movie)
Sat.-12:00

Horoscopes

Aries

A newfound fear of failure has entered your life. Beware of the Virgo moon that has you worrying about things that may never happen. Be brave and lean on the someone close to you.

Taurus

Take a trip to the rose garden this week. It will bring much needed serenity and plus your artistic side needs a chance to come out and play.

Gemini

You may be placed in a position of power this week, so make sure you are mentally prepared. Also, do some research before you give advice to others.

Cancer

You feel like you are being pulled in two different directions. Relax and let your creativity flow. Serving others with your genuine spirit is also a good thing to do this week.

Leo

Watch out for financial constraints! Friends come to rescue this week, so put aside your pride and share your worries and fears with them.

Virgo

You begin to realize the areas of your life that need improvement. Revealing your secret dreams to someone midweek could help you deal with underlying fears and difficult emotions.

Libra

You're feeling conflicted and off-balance because of what's expected of you. The challenge is to make peace with yourself and everything will work out in the end.

Scorpio

The power of Pluto allows you to sense other people's moods and motivations, but these insights could hinder your decision-making ability. Don't ignore suggestions from others.

Sagittarius

Encourage your dreams and continue to pursue your goals. Your sign is the most fortuitous in the zodiac.

Capricorn

Conflicts with authority figures may erupt this week. Lay your ideas out on the line, but distance yourself from the reactions of others.

Aquarius

Try to be objective and rational this week. Spiritual connections will be very important, so lend yourself to someone in need.

Pisces

It may be time for a big change, or to make a life-changing decision. Sometimes doing the right thing is much harder than going along with the crowd.

Written by Miss Tink

Rat Race good for laughs

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heart fetch. There's violence, family, and newfound love. In its entirety, *Rat Race* is an idiosyncratic riot at best. The only intelligence that may be utilized in the film is a complete social criticism of the gambling arena.

As college students with busy schedules, hundred-pound books and countless other extracurricular activities, we can all use a two-hour break. *Rat Race* will fill your time with surrealism and ridiculous humor, and by the time it's over you'll want to get back to work.

It's the perfect remedy for the overworked student. Take it for what it's worth: it's crazy, it's wild and it's funny. *Rat Race* is the epitome of dumb humor -- it's good, not *great*, for the time and for the money.

Profs. Barnes and Elliot featured in Martin Gallery

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scenes that combine the natural with the man-made. In "Rebar" (2001), tumbleweeds of electrical wire are highlighted in the foreground, and "Falls Bridges" (1998) depicts tree branches tangled amongst bridge supports. These images spring forth in vivid black and white, drawing the viewer's eye from the objects up front to the extraordinary depth of the background.

Don't miss *New Work*, which runs through October 26th. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the achievements of those who teach us. Perhaps it will serve as an inspiration to other artists here on campus.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
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Women's soccer crushes Centenary, 6-1

Open CC games with win against Western Maryland

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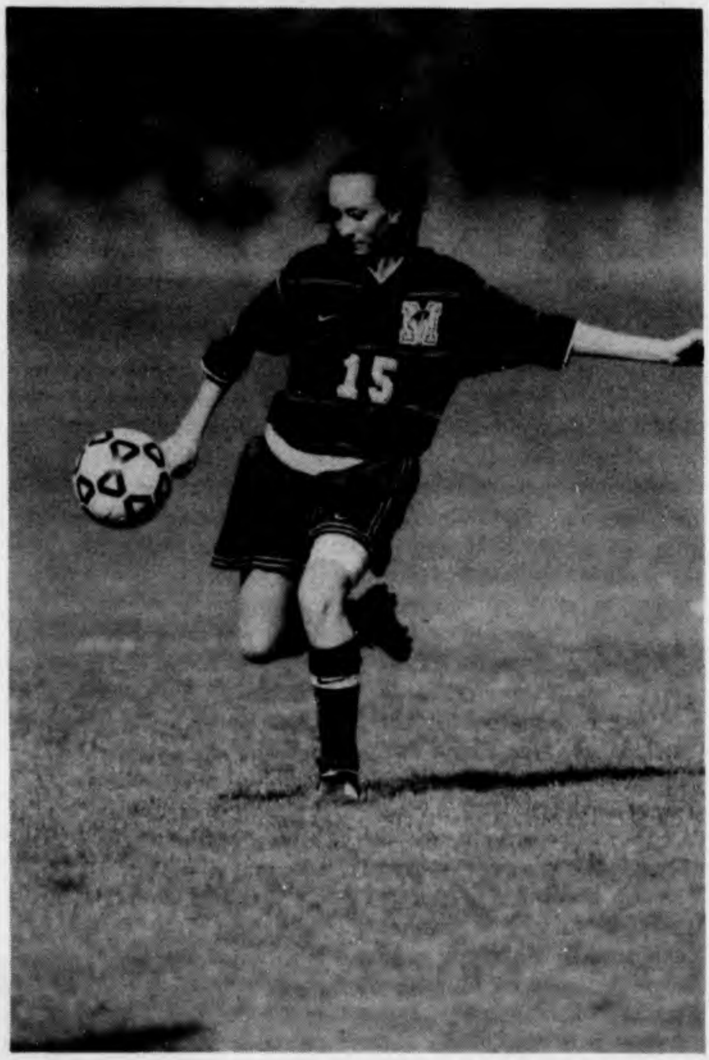
goal, assisted by Courtney Levine, made her the sixth player in the team's history to score 20 career goals. Kim Laurino had six saves in goal against Western Maryland.

Women's soccer is defending their title of Centennial Conference Champions, which they earned last season with the win against Western Maryland. When asked if the team would be able to defend their title, Benintend replied, "We have some really tough games ahead of us, but we have a really good squad. The journey is going to be rough, but if they come ready to play we can give any team a good game."

The team is now 1-0 in the Conference and 5-2 overall. Sophomore Dena Simons said, "We have a lot of freshmen this year, as we did last year, and it takes a little time to adjust. I think that explains some of our earlier losses, but during the past couple of games we've really pulled together and have worked really well together."

Their next game was at home on Wednesday against Delaware Valley. On Saturday the Mules will continue with a game against Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins, at 1 p.m. "Johns Hopkins is going to be tough," stated Simons. "But I think that we're going to do really well."



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Sophomore Monica Jones is playing half back this year.

Scoreboard

Cross Country at Mule Invitational

Women's Team Scores

1. MUHLENBERG	29
2. Moravian JV	57
3. Richard Stockton	99
4. Bryn Mawr	103

Men's Team Scores

1. Rowan	25
2. MUHLENBERG	47
3. Richard Stockton	66
4. Arcadia	128

Field Hockey

Sat., Sept. 15 vs. Franklin and Marshall, 1-2

Football

Sat., Sept. 15
vs. Dickinson, 47-3

Women's Soccer

Thurs., Sept. 13 vs. Centenary (NJ), 6-1
Sat., Sept. 15 vs. Western Maryland, 3-0

Men's Soccer

Sat., Sept. 15 vs. Dickinson, 2-0
Mon. Sept. 17 vs. Moravian, 3-1

Men's Tennis

Sat., Sept. 15 vs. Kutztown, 0-9

Volleyball

Thurs., Sept. 13 vs. Delaware Valley, 3-0

Football

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was called on the Mules defense. The penalty resulted in another set of downs for Dickinson. However, the defense hung tough again, as Junior defensive end Michael Ferreira sacked Custer on second down, and then Custer threw an incomplete pass on third down, forcing Dickinson to kick a field goal, their only scoring opportunity of the game.

Ferreira said, "The team effort was great. The team defense was outstanding. It was one of the defense's best and finest performances. However, we can't overlook Franklin and Marshall this weekend. We still have to prepare for them like we prepare for any other team."

During the Mules' last offensive possession of the third quarter, Bernado rushed for 29 yards on three consecutive carries, setting up a one-yard pass from Jones to senior tight end Michael Stankowitz. With the score 34-3, this touchdown effectively put the game out of reach for the Red Devils.

During the fourth quarter, Bernado was replaced by senior running back Kamali Roberts who rushed for 77 yards on seven carries and scored the final two touchdowns of the game making the final score 47-3.

This Saturday, the football team (2-1 overall, 1-0 conference) will face the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats (1-2 overall, 0-1 conference). The Mules' next home game will be Sept. 29 against Western Maryland.

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri caught three for 65 yards including one 18 yard pass.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Field Hockey competed against Franklin & Marshall on Saturday, Sept. 15, losing 1-2. Their two previous games against Montclair State and Scranton were postponed

Muhlenberg ceded the winning goal just 18 seconds after tying the game and lost its third straight one-goal game.

Freshman Kristen Bruschi scored off a feed from Melissa Eicken late in the first half to tie the score, but F&M came right back down the field to take the lead again.

The second half was scoreless, although the Mules had the potential game-tying goal whistled back.

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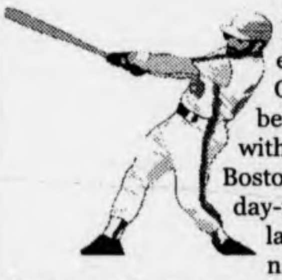
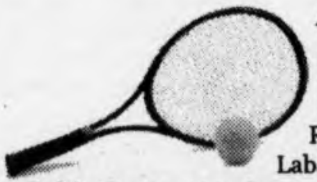
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott



The cancellation of last week's games has caused the baseball season to be extended by one week. The Baltimore Orioles' third basemen Cal Ripken will be closing out his 21 year career this year with a final four game series against the Boston Red Sox. The series will include a day-night doubleheader on Oct. 5, with the last game being played on Oct. 6, originally being scheduled for Oct. 7. However, the managers decided to reschedule because of the NFL game being played on the seventh, the Ravens vs. the Titans, because they were worried about a potential traffic jam.

Florida State defensive end Eric Powell was shot early Sunday morning in the lower back in an apparent robbery attempt. He is being held in the intensive care unit at the Orlando Regional Medical Center in stable condition.



Andre Agassi, top seed in the Heineken Open held in Shanghai, China this past week, lost against the former Soviet Republic of Georgia's Irakli Labadze. Labadze, who wasn't even seeded in the top 100 players, won 7-6 (4).

After taking a week two off, the NFL will start back up again on Sept. 23, and still using the same replacement referees as the previous week. The NFL has been unable to reach an agreement with its 119 refs for the time being. As of last week, a fifth year referee made $42,295 a year and a ten year referee made $64,215 a year. A deal being voted on by the officials this week calls for an immediate 50% increase and a 100% increase in the fourth year of a six year contract.The League is in turmoil right now, trying to decide the postponement of all their week two games. The concensus is right now is to simply play the season with fifteen less regular season games and four less playoff games, meaning only one wild card team will enter the playoffs instead of the usual three.

Cross Country

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personally a bit frustrated, explaining that this was a "tactical race with mind games involved." Coach Andrews has put packing into the men's race plan as well, and it played dividends again at the Invitational as a group of Mules that included Junior Tri-Captain Robin Holden, Sophomores Nate Horst, Brian Cash, Rich Kipp and Freshman Michael Bochonsky all placed within the top 15. Junior Ethan Fern valiantly finished the race despite running with a seriously injured knee.

Holden was very pleased with the results of the race considering the obstacles that faced the men most of the week. "It is hard when you don't have your number one runner, but since Rob runs with Brendan in practice, I was confident that Rob could fill in, and he did." And with regards to last Tuesday's events, Holden stated that "it was hard to go forward, but in Coach Andrews's speech, she quoted President Bush, who said that at some point, normalcy must take place again."

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, the Cross-Country team is scheduled to race in a metropolis which for the first time in its existence feels vulnerable. The NYU Invitational is scheduled to take place in New York City's Van Cortlandt Park. All four of the athletes quoted are aware that this Saturday will be a balancing act. Holden said, "this will be a hard week for everything." Uniszkiewicz said, "It is going to be difficult and eerie in New York but we must stayed focused." Belisonzi stated, "It is going to be draining, but we are still going to race hard." Garrett stated, "I will try to put it out of my mind and not let it distract the team. The atmosphere is going to be different from this past weekend."

Volleyball wins Buttermaker Tournament for fourth straight year

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Despite the cancellation of the Scranton Invitational Tournament, the volleyball team is looking strong heading into Centennial Conference action. The Mules have compiled an impressive record of 7-3 including their fourth consecutive win of the Buttermaker Tournament, which was held Sept. 7 and 8. The team opens its Conference play this weekend at Bryn Mawr College with Western Maryland also participating.

After losing three of their first four matches of the season, the Mules have pulled themselves together and won the last six matches in which they have competed. The Mules dropped the early season matches against Rochester Institute of Technology, Brandeis, and Brockport State, but then defeated DeSales earlier this month.

Following the victory over DeSales, the Mules played in the fourth annual Buttermaker Tournament and maintained its four-year winning streak of the Tournament. The Mules got off to a strong start on the first day of competition easily defeating Albright in three straight games. The Mules then faced Arcadia and defeated them by the score of 3-0, as well. For the day, Senior co-captain Laura Funsten compiled 50 assists while Junior co-captain Dana Ferrelli accumulated 20 kills.

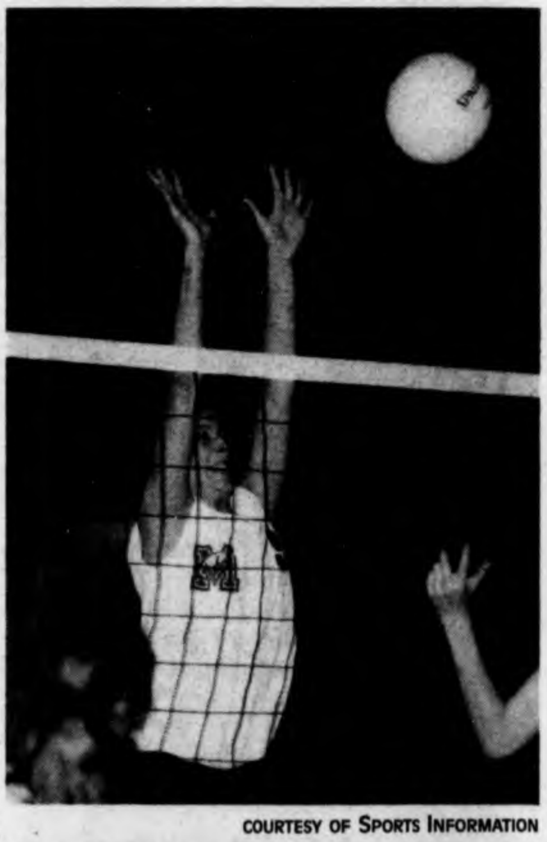
With their impressive showing on Friday, the Mules put themselves in a position of playing Misericordia, the top seed from the other half of the draw. The Mules once again were strong, as they didn't drop a game against Misericordia, defeating them by the scores of 30-13, 30-17, and 30-27. After the victory over Misericordia, the Mules once again faced Arcadia, the winner of the consolation bracket, and defeated them again in straight matches.

The team had some tough matches from which they came from behind. However, the Mules didn't lose a game during the tournament, making this the second consecutive year. Funsten once again came through with over 50 assists. The Mules' attack was balanced as they won the tournament but failed to place any player on the All-Tournament team.

Funsten was named the Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Her 108 assists through the course of the tournament placed her fifth in the Conference. She also tied a school record with seven service aces in the match against Misericordia, also just missing her second career triple-double as she had nine kills, 41 assists, and 16 digs in the match against DeSales.

Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman said, "The team chemistry is where we need it to be and the athletes are working really hard."

Following their win in the Buttermaker Tournament, the Mules had a couple days off before hosting Delaware Valley on Thursday, Sept. 13. The team once again didn't drop a game in the match, defeating Delaware Valley by scores of 30-28, 30-23, and 30-12. This 3-0 victory marked the Mules' sixth straight game win. The shutout also pushed the Mules' consecutive match winning streak to seventeen.



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Junior Meaghan Billie tallied eleven kills against Misericordia.

The strong showing against Delaware Valley should prove to be a momentum-builder as the Mules head into Centennial Conference action this weekend at Bryn Mawr. Funsten and Ferrelli agree. Ferrelli said the winning streak increased their confidence and provided a "strong way to start Conference play." The Mules will also face Western Maryland this weekend at Bryn Mawr.

Last year, Western Maryland finished ahead of the Mules in the Conference. This year the team is hoping its strong start will propel it into conference action. Warmack-Chipman said, "Western Maryland has historically been better [than Muhlenberg], but this year we should overtake them." Funsten echoes Warmack-Chipman's outlook, saying, "Last year they [Western Maryland] finished ahead of us, and this year we want to put them behind us right away."

Saturday Home Games

Field Hockey vs. Washington (MD.) at 1:00

Women's Soccer vs. Johns Hopkins at 1:00

Profile of a Mule

Laura Funsten spikes her punch every single game

By Calvin Tintle
Weekly Sports Writer

Records are made to be broken. Predecessors have placed them there and they act as goals for the players that proceed. They are important in that they can push a person to play with a stronger conviction, more determination, and they can act as a motivator not just for a singular person but for a whole team. A team has a record of wins and losses, and with each season a team tries to improve from the previous years. The woman's volleyball has been doing this improvement and along the way team and personal records have been broken. One person who is constantly breaking these team records and setting new ones is team captain, Laura Funsten.

The impact that Funsten has made on her team in her four-year career as a player and captain of the Muhlenberg College women's volleyball team is one to be recognized.

Volleyball must be in the blood for Funsten. She has been playing all her life, honing her skills at a young age with the help of her father who was also her coach. Her dad introduced her to the game and coached her until the time she came to Muhlenberg. Her family has always been her role model, teaching her to be a team player, to be humble, and to always work hard at everything she pursues. She was taught the importance of a good education at a young age and continues to adhere to that belief here at Muhlenberg as an English and Secondary Education major.

Funsten has a younger brother who is a freshman at the University of Delaware and a younger sister who plays volleyball, softball, and basketball.

As an athlete for her high school, Upper Merion in King of Prussia, PA, not only was an unbelievable volleyball player but also a basketball, and softball player. She was a three-sport captain and received all-state honorable mention for her incredible volleyball playing.

Once Funsten arrived on campus and began playing volleyball as a Mule, she worked her way into the starting rotation midway though the season. After assuming the position of setter, she has held onto it for the past three years and will continue to hold it for her finale season.

Her career has been blessed with many honors, among them being the team's all-time assists leader with 2,021. She broke this record as a junior and now has only time to expand upon the record. She also ranks first in assists per game with a 6.83 average; she is second in service aces with 121, fourth in service aces per game with a 0.408 average, and fourth in digs with 815. Throughout her three previous years, she has set single season records, among them being 993 assists. She has also led her team in service aces and she ranks fourth with digs in a single season.

Along with on-the-court records, Funsten has won prestigious awards as a team player. She doesn't like to take single credit for her playing and describes volleyball as "the ultimate team sport. A set can't happen without a good bump, and then from the set you need a good spike." She thrives on considering herself an excellent teammate. Her leadership and strong team mentality led her to winning the "players, player award" last year.

She also speaks very highly of the present coach saying that, "she is a really good coach and she has brought a lot of stability to the program, and has made it a more solid program than I have seen in previous years. I thoroughly look forward to a great senior year with a great coach."

The beginning of this season, which is unfortunately her last, has started off like all of the three preceding seasons: wonderfully. After giving up French fries for the season, which is a big sacrifice, Laura has still led her team to a 6-3 record and a fourth consecutive Buttermaker Tournament. Laura said of this season, "since we have lost only one starter from last year, this season should be the best. We should finish in the top four in the league, then making the playoffs."

The team begins league play this weekend against Western Maryland, and Bryn Mawr at Western Maryland. Laura said, "We should come out of this weekend starting off league play with a 2-0 record."

Men's Soccer wins CC opener

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

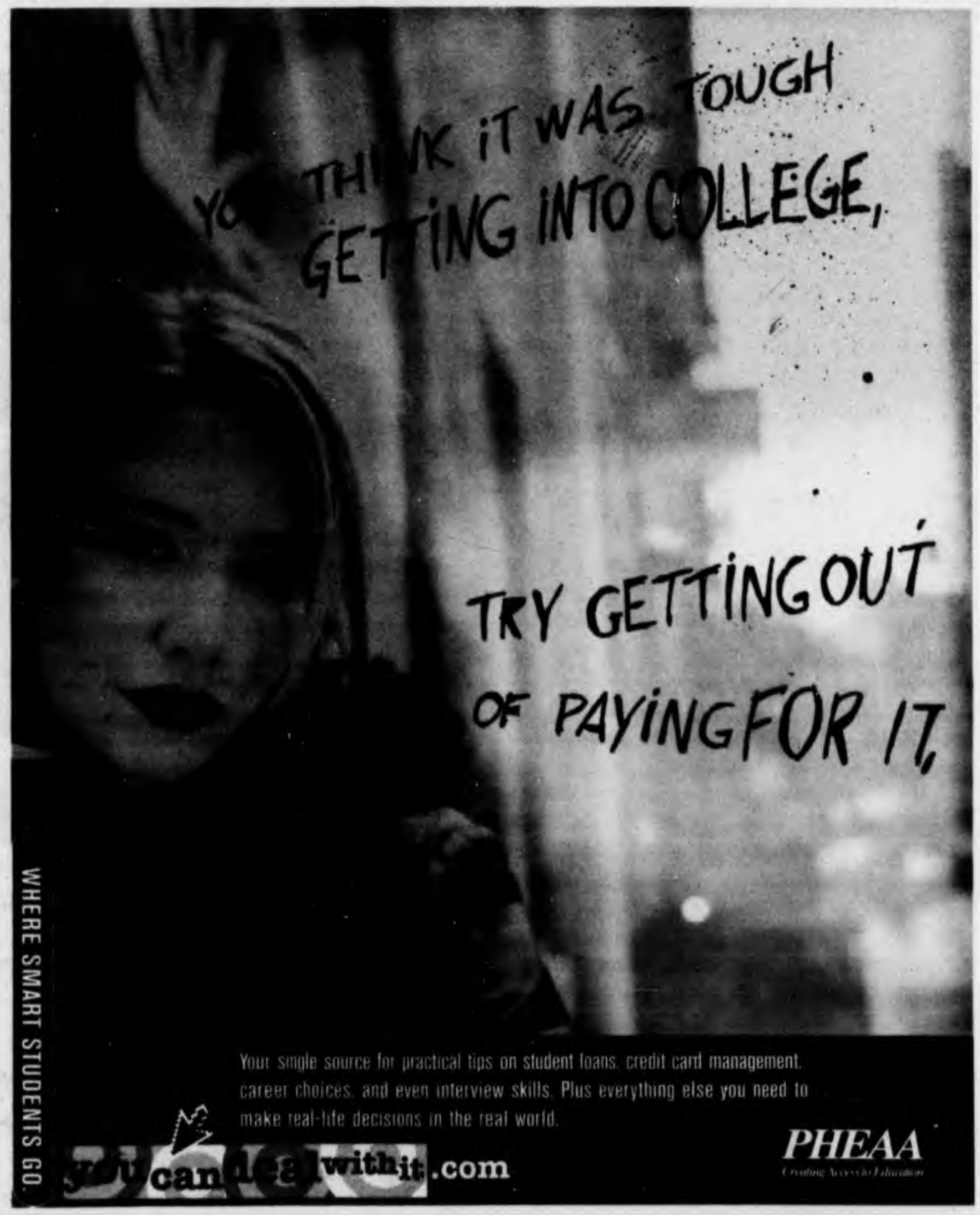
In the men's soccer team's first Centennial Conference game of the season, the team defeated host Dickinson by a score of 2-0. The Mules, ranked fifth in the Mid-Atlantic region, also defeated Moravian 3-1. They extended their winning streak to four games with the victory. The Mules record now stands at 4-1, 1-0 in the CC.

Against the Red Devils, the Mules used an early-scoring attack to take a lead that they wouldn't relinquish. In the 23 minutes, Junior David Vassilaros scored off an assist from Tim Sparta. It was Vassilaros' second goal of the season. Sophomore Mark Lee netted his first goal of the season with only a couple of minutes remaining in the first half to give the Mules a two-goal lead.

The defense was once again stellar as for the second time in four contests they shutout their opponent. Senior co-captain Rob Pomento recorded eight saves on ten Dickinson shots. In four games, the men's soccer team has only given up two goals.

Against Moravian, the Mules scored a goal and an assist from Senior Chris Rowley to lead them to victory in the Matte Award game. The Mules got goals from Junior Tom Hartey, Vassilaros and Rowley. The Mules won though they were out shot in the game 12-10.

This week, the Mules will travel to Gettysburg to take on the Bullets. This game will mark the 44th time that the teams have met since 1949, with the Mules holding a 23-15-5 series advantage. Last year, in a CC match in late September, the Mules defeated the Bullets 2-1. Later in that season, the Bullets defeated the Mules 1-0 in the ECAC tournament championship game.



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SPORTS

Football destroys Dickinson, 42-3

Bernardo leads with three touchdowns

By Michael billet
Weekly Sports Writer

A crowd of 3,120 watched as the men's football team kicked off the home opener against the Dickinson Red Devils at Scotty Wood Stadium this past Saturday. Even though the football game was played, the College did not forget the victims and those that were mourning due to last week's terrorist attacks. Before the game, Junior David Bish led the crowd in singing "God Bless America".

The Mules routed the Dickinson Red Devils, 47-3. The two star players on offense were Junior quarterback Justin Jones and Sophomore running back Matt Bernado. Jones completed 14 of 24 passes. He also threw for a touchdown and ran 15 yards for another. Bernado carried the ball 21 times for a team-leading 133 yards and three touchdowns.

The entire defense was strong as they held the Red Devils to 48 yards passing and 132 yards on rushing. Senior linebacker Doug Folger was named Defensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference. Folger had a team high 13 tackles as the defense allowed just 2.7 yards per play and forced four turnovers.

The game started slowly, as both teams were forced to punt after their first possessions of the game. Following a fumble by Dickinson, Bernado was off and running for 14 yards. Several plays later, Justin Jones ran on a quarterback shuffle for 29 yards to bring the Mules to Dickinson's one-yard line. Bernado then carried the ball into the end zone for the first of his three touchdowns. Kicker Chris Reed completed the extra point making the game 7-0.

Dickinson failed to score and punted on their next possession. The Mules started their third possession of the game on their 39-yard line. A 6 play, 61 yard drive ensued, which resulted in another touchdown when quarterback Justin Jones scrambled into the end zone on a 15 yard run. The Mules now led 14-0.

At the end of the first quarter, due to an injury, Dickinson replaced starting quarterback Junior George Gonzalez with Isaac Custer. On the Red Devil's first drive of the second quarter, Custer fumbled the ball and Senior Tyler Cathey recovered it on Dickinson's 45-yard line. Jones then completed an 18-yard pass to wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri, who caught three for 65 yards. Later in the drive, after the completed pass, Bernado ran 27 yards into the end zone. Reed failed on his extra point attempt. Both the Mules and the Red Devils failed to score the rest of the second quarter making the half time score, 20-0.

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Quarterback Justin Jones threw for 195 yards on Saturday.

To start the third quarter, Dickinson kicked off to the Mules. The Mules raced down field without resistance on a 6 play, 65-yard drive that culminated in Bernado's final touchdown of the day. The two significant plays on this drive were a 30-yard completion to Josh Carter and a 27-yard pass on a long third down conversion to Junior tight end Jeff Dipple that helped set up the touchdown. The Mules now led 27-0.

The next drive for Dickinson resulted in their only points for the day. Junior tailback Antonio Tiberi returned Reed's kick 45 yards to Dickinson's 49-yard line. Custer completed a 34-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ryan Earley. On the next play, Macphee rushed for four yards and an unnecessary roughness penalty was called on Muhlenberg, which resulted in a first and goal situation for the Red Devils. The defense hung tough until third and goal, when another penalty, pass interference,

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Cross Country sprints to the finish in Mule Invitational

By Evan Jaffe
Weekly Sports Writer

"Today we stand shoulder to shoulder united as one running community providing our strength as the future of America," greeted Coach Linda Andrews to the athletes prior to last Saturday's Mule Invitational. Those eloquent words ignited impressive performances from both the men's and women's teams.

Senior Captain Katie Garrett again led the Mules, whose first place time of 20:29.9 helped the squad get its first overall win of the season. "The events of last Tuesday had made it hard to get my mind on the race," said Garrett. When asked if racing on the home course played any factor in the team's performance, the senior did admit that "it made the girls more motivated to win and to make themselves look good."

Freshman Jenna Belisonzi continued to impress, placing sixth (20:58.7) in the Invitational. Though happy with her performance, she said, "New York was on my mind before and after, but I was able to focus during the race." Sophomores Diana Garretto and Erica Norey came in 7th and 8th place respectively with times of 21:02:1 and 21:11:01. Both Andrews and Garrett say that "pack racing," a tactic in which several runners from the same team run close together, is the reason why Belisonzi, Norey, and Garretto have finished very close to each other this season.

In addition to having to cope with the tragedies in New York and Washington, the men's team came into the Mule Invitational without its top runner, Junior Brendan Gallagher, who was attending a family wedding. However, the Mules showed incredible resiliency and were spurred by Sophomore Rob Uniszkiewicz's 2nd place (27:30.7) finish. The team placed 2nd overall. Despite his result, Uniszkiewicz was

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Women's Soccer

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

Women's soccer has followed up the incredible beginning of their season with two more strong wins this past week. Their streak began last Saturday at the Kwik Goal/T.G.I.Friday's Classic, where they beat Rhode Island College (1-0) and continued with wins against Centenary (NJ) and Western Maryland. At home on Thursday, Sept. 13, they beat Centenary (NJ), 6-1, and on Saturday, Sept. 15, they took their first win in the Centennial Conference against Western Maryland, 3-0.

The Mules began to dominate in their game against Centenary (NJ) only 6:11 into regulation when Sophomore Dawn Iberer scored with an assist from Freshman Rebecca Armstrong. Less than 12 minutes later, Iberer again scored with an assist from Armstrong. The Mules were up 4-0 by the half.

Sophomore Courtney Levine scored her first goal of the season with a pass from Iberer. Junior Michele Zito was the last Mule to add to the score with an unassisted goal, also her first of the season. Sophomore Monica Jones, with an unassisted goal, and Freshman Kim Klicka added to the final score of 6-1. "I think that overall we played really well. We passed well and came ready to play," said Head Coach Leslie Benintend. "Scoring six really good goals was a very outstanding achievement."

Following their win on Thursday, the Mules won their CC opener at Western Maryland. Iberer scored the first goal of the game with an assist from Sophomore Sharon Seggel. Seggel also assisted Junior Jamie Gluck in shooting the second goal of the game. Iberer's second

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Agueda A. Ramirez in Parents Plaza at the "Speak Out."
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Amnesty calls for peace, nonviolent resolutions

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly Staff Writer

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, many in our nation have been calling for war. Not everyone, however, believes violence is an answer to the problem. To help the Muhlenberg Community explore other options for resolution, Amnesty sponsored a Speak Out held on Thursday, September 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Parent's Plaza.

Colleen Clark, a member of Amnesty, said Muhlenberg's Speak Out was part of the National Student Day of Action, when colleges nationwide held rallies to discuss options for justice besides war. Wesleyan College originally created the idea, which quickly spread to at least 150 colleges. She said the purpose of the Speak Out

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Hope for survivors as school mourns three lost alumni

Vast majority of alumni working in Manhattan reported safe

BY KELLY LEHMAN
News Editor

The search for missing alumni of the College who worked at the World Financial Center or the World Trade Center continues. There have been three confirmed deaths of alumns and three reported missing. Philip Parker, '69, Alan Merdinger, '92 and Davin Peterson, '98, died in the crash. Initially, the College compiled a list of 60 people that, according to their most recent records, were employed at the World Financial Center or the World Trade Center. Then, on the Wednesday after that Tuesday, the school began making calls to these alumni to make sure they were safe.

> *Many alumni in the area of the crash were pleasantly surprised at the school's concern for their safety.*

According to Tilghman Moyer, Vice President of Development, "the vast majority of them were safe." Some who received the school's call expressed thanks over the school's concern, which some said was unexpected.

In its search, the College focused on the WTC and WFC, although there are a number of alumni reported to be working in lower Manhattan. According to Jennifer Tran, the Director of Alumni Relations, a number of alumni have contacted the

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Elections: on the cusp

Voter registration drive in Seegers

BY WENDY EICHLER
Weekly Staff Writer

Election Day is approaching, and the College is having a voter registration drive between now and Oct. 5, the last day to register to vote before Fall break. A voter registration during lunch in the Garden Room is sheduled for Oct. 1. There will also be a Red-White-Blue Dinner in the Garden Room that evening where students will help to distribute more voter registration forms.

Young Republicans, Young Democrats and the Green Party plan to have tables in the Union on the following dates: Sept. 26, October 1, October 2 and October 3. The tables will be in the Union from 11a.m.-2p.m. and 5-7p.m.

Presently there are two hundred registration forms circulating on campus, and on Oct. 1 there will be three hundred more forms available.

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Hunger Banquet evokes concern over need for food close to home

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS AND MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly Staff Writers

Shifting the discussion toward the current state of national hunger at the Hunger Banquet last week, Dr. Kovats-Bernat, an assistant professor in the Sociology and Anthropology Department, said, "It is ironic that the third world exists here," even in a nation with plenty of resources.

Regarding matters even closer to home, Ann McManus from the Second Harvest Hunger Organization in Allentown, spoke on this fact after showing a brief film outlining hunger in the Allentown area.

"Right here, in the Lehigh Valley, one in four children does not get enough to eat" stated McManus. This shocking statistic shows the need for food even locally.

We live in the crossroads, meaning that wherever food is produced in the region, it most likely travels through our valley.

Kovats-Bernat, who hosted the program, emphasized early on in the evening that "hunger is a system, not an issue."

As participants arrived in Moyer Hall, they were told to roll a dice. Depending on the number on the dice, they were given a group number. Group number one represented first-world countries, group number two represented second-world countries, and group number three represented third-world countries.

The size of each group was based upon global statistics on hunger and population, meaning that the first-world countries had the smallest amount of participants in it,

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Vegetable stew and bread were on the "second-world's" menu.
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Spooning rice and beans into bowls in the "third-world."
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What lies after awareness

While simulations are an inherently important aspect of raising awareness, any approach to social problems must not and cannot stop at the education level. Appreciation for problems must culminate in substantial action.

The Weekly praises the Center for Ethics and Leadership, Dr. Marjorie Haas and the students who participated in the Hunger Banquet last week, which raised awareness of the problem of hunger in Allentown, the nation and the world (see article on front page). Exposure to oft-neglected issues is a critical step in their solution, and the Hunger Banquet proved to be an eye-opening experience for a large number of students. However, problems are not solved by simulation, discussion and debate alone.

Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat pointed out that aspects of the third world exists here. Indeed, this is quite true; however how often does the Muhlenberg Community collectively look eastward towards inner-city Allentown? In all honesty, it is simply easier to look and venture, westward. Nonetheless, while there are certainly problems in need of attention in the more middle-class areas of Allentown, the neediest reside in the urban areas.

There are a large number of individuals who need our help, as one in four Allentown children do not get enough to eat. If we continue to ignore this fact we violate the very principles of community we cherish, and it loses all meaning.

The true meaning of the Muhlenberg Community does not merely include students, faculty and staff--and not even merely the immediate neighborhood surrounding the College. The Muhlenberg Community includes the entire City of Allentown--all races, ethnic groups, the rich, the middle-class and the poor. As students, if we are not committed to this definition of the College Community, we are doing our College Community and ourselves a great disservice.

We all, as a community, must dedicate ourselves to the next step after establishing that, yes, hunger is a prevalent problem in Allentown, the nation and the world. Awareness has been raised--thanks in great part to the series conducted by the Center for Ethics and Leadership. Now, we must actually do something about it.

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:

Despite the hysteria to the contrary, we are not at war. It may feel that way to some, but we are being misled. War is between states, and Osama bin Laden is not a state. So we are dealing with a criminal act against the citizens of the United States, and we have a Federal justice system in place for dealing with offenders of our laws. If we recognize that distinction between war and crime and act in the interests of justice and not vengeance, then we will show ourselves to be what we claim to be: a freedom-loving people.

We have no clear enemy right now, and so the rhetoric of war rings as hollow as the cries of a child who stands alone on the playground, wanting to fight but having no opponent. But we are looking for enemies among ourselves. We are already receiving reports of the American Islamic community suffering the brunt of American' rage.

Salem, Massachusetts, 1692. In a time of poor harvests, a struggling economy, and political turmoil, the citizens feared that the Devil was among them, bringing fear, distress and desperation unto the people. So they rounded up the usual suspects: the poor, the elderly, the women, the marginalized. The first cry of "witchcraft" went up, and panic began. Now came the witch-finders, who confirmed the suspicions of their audience by serving up the pre-ordained suspect. Boundaries were drawn around a punishable category of people,- and they were labeled "witch" - the root of the terror.

We now are in a state of economic ,political and social turmoil. We believe that terror is among us, and it is bringing fear, distress and desperation unto ourselves. We are rounding up the usual suspects: the dark of skin, the non-Christians, immigrants, the speakers of foreign tongues. The first fearful cry of witchcraft has gone up: the Islamic terror is in our midst. And so come the media and the pundits, the witch-finders of our day. Feeding off speculation and innuendo, they are confirming the suspicions of mainstream America by serving us up the pre-ordained suspect: the "conjuring Arab." Boundaries are being drawn around this punishable category of people, as they are labeled "terrorist"-"witch"-the root of the terror.

We must be as cautious of our nationalistic fervor as we wish others in the world would be. Blind patriotism is not what it claims to be. The patriots of this nation must stand ready to question the rhetoric and the practice of American foreign policy. It is that very freedom to do so that underlies all of our most precious civil liberties. We are not obligated to accept the enemy that is put before us, simply because we are told to. We are obligated to regard with scrutiny our reasons for choosing that particular enemy. We are not at war. We are not Israel. We are not Belfast. We are not Salem.

--Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat

Janet Reno: the great, the courageous, the admirable

Mike Lerman
Weekly Columnist

Next year, we should be hearing countless newscasts and reading article after article about a high profile gubernatorial race between former Attorney General Janet Reno and current Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Ms. Reno recently declared her candidacy for the 2002 election for governor in Florida. While she is not a popular candidate, I believe she would make both a strong governer.

Ms. Reno has a history of serving Florida admirably. She was the state attorney, and was re-elected five times. There, she created the Drug Court, a court for first-time drug offenders in order to reprove them and allow them to return to society without being labeled. I understand that some of us on campus have had troubles with drug and alcohol violations, and I think that Ms. Reno's conception should be respected by, if no one else, those people, their friends and their families. Foreshadowing her later actions, she took the blame for the acquittal of police officers in a Rodney King-esque case.

As Attorney General of the United States, Ms. Reno has decreased crime significantly and successively throughout her years in office. She was a true enforcer. She made great bounds on subjects like the environment and gang activity, but she was a champion of something very close to me --civil rights. She gave many adamant statements advocating prosecution of hate crimes and the broadening of current hate-crime legislation. Moreover, she launched investigations into the activities of her boss, President Clinton, showing that she is owned by no one. Some of her most notorious feats in that office, though, have in some small way shown off her power.

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Most people dislike Ms. Reno because of her actions in Waco, Texas and the situation with Elian Gonzalez. The fact is that these two events were lose-lose. Hindsight provides an incredible light for scrutiny. Janet Reno made her decisions and stood by them no matter how much fire she received. With regard to Waco, it's been found that the local FBI office gave Ms. Reno false information that prompted her to order the attack on the Koresh compound. Despite this, she valiantly took full responsibility for what happened. And as for Elian Gonzalez, Ms. Reno did her job and knowingly accepted vilification so that America could benefit from the pacification of Cuba. She exhibited a special strength as Attorney General that is rarely encountered in modern politics.

The other thing that Americans have against Janet Reno is that she doesn't look good on television. Shows like *The Daily Show* regularly parodied her during her tenure as Attorney General. I admit that some occupations rest on physical features, such as modeling and contact sports. But the fact that Janet Reno is not photogenic is no reason to discount her potential efficacy in office.

Janet Reno broke a lot of records in women's achievement. Hopefully, the citizens of the state of Florida will realize the sky is the limit if they vote for the strong-willed, progressive Janet Reno.

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Terrorism: Is our government helping or hurting?

Nancy Grove

Weekly Columnist

I was never more happy and grateful to be an American as I was this summer. Experiences in Zimbabwe renewed and deepened my appreciation for the virtues of our country and the freedoms granted us by our constitution. In Zimbabwe, which right now, is one of the most politically unstable nations in southern Africa, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom to step up and challenge the government is but a dream. For in Zimbabwe, to question or challenge the president and his crew is literally to risk your life.

Here, in the United States, we can question, and we need to question our leaders...

Here in the United States, we can question, and we need to question our leaders or else we risk the type of citizen conformity that has been central to some of the greatest government initiated atrocities in human history.

Question, why, from day one, has the September 11th attacks been framed in terms of war? We so quickly initiated a military response and looked for nations to blame. We have speculated the origin of the criminals and without sufficient evidence, we point fingers and issue the guilty verdict on entire governments. What role does racism play?

What caused such Anti-Americanismin the first place? Surely the terrorists did not massacre thousands of Americans purely in hatred of freedom. Not to say we deserved such brutal assault, but we still must question, has the United States done something to incite such attacks? How did we become an enemy of the Middle-Eastern Islamic world? We need to explore the root of the problem, and investigate the causes of their terrorism, for therein lies long-term solutions for the security of our nation.

What are the implications and repercussions of military intervention? Twenty-billion plus US dollars have been allocated for our "War on Terrorism". Will this detract funds from our education, health care and social security systems? Are we willing to sacrifice the lives of many more brothers, sisters,uncles, cousins, nephews, and fathers in attempts to kill an undefined enemy? Let alone justice, is US security attainable through these means, or will this incite more brutal retaliation on our soil?

Are we so confident... to truly believe that this is a "battle between good (we) and evil (they)"?

Why has Bush instigated polarization of the planet: "if you are not for us, you are against us." ? He has drawn the line between "we" and "they". Are we so confident in the history of US foreign policy as to truly believe that this is a "battle between good (we) and evil (they)"?

I am very thankful to live in America. Not only because we inherited the jewels of freedom for which our forefathers so tirelessly struggled, but also because we have invaluable opportunities for exercising those freedoms.

A truly freedom-loving people will do more than sing "God Bless America" and don red, white and blue. We will exercise our freedoms, we will critically consider and challenge the messages and decrees of our government....

Brittany meets Bartok: The flip side of the entertainment industry

Jon Seidman

Weekly Guest Columnist

The fact that a director received funding to produce *Bubble Boy* and had an entire cast dedicated to producing it, staggers me. This is not an article about Bubble Boy. I only use it as an example to make a point. Amend that, I wish to present a possibility.

We have all heard the terms 'dumbing-down' used in conjunction with American culture. We assume that the entertainment industry caters to an increasing more moronic and banal audience. In essence, it is lowering its standards to meet the demands of its public. It was during a conversation with a friend of mine that the term 'Market for Intelligence' was used and the impending idea formed. What if, in fact, the converse was true, and we had a sort of paradox on our hands? Perhaps the entertainment industry--anticipating the decline of Western culture--continually lowers the denominator itself without provocation. Therefore, the common American's standard is altered along with it. Could it be that perhaps it is not the mere symptom it claims to be, but the very contagion itself? Please understand that I do not fantasize of some intellectual america utopia. Though those of stout mind wouldn't prefer *Being John Malkovitch* to your next *Pootie-Tang*, another *1984* to your *N'Sync Tour Diary*, another *Intermezzo in B Minor Brahms Opus 119* to your *Elevation* by U2. Perhaps I ask too much.

It begs the question: are we downselling the American public by assuming that it desires Britney before Bartok? I am open-minded enough to allow that the answer may very well in fact be no, but would it not be a grand experiment indeed? Is it not, in fact, an experiment maybe vital to our culture's survival, as each new Fox special portends a more intellectually bankrupt future for our children? Can we not find a middle ground, a compromise?

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Weekly Discourse: The Role of Religion

How big of a role does it play in your life ?

Adam Carbone

Weekly Guest Columnist

Sometimes, when I tell people I have trouble believing in religion, they automatically assume that I don't believe in God as well. In fact, I do believe that God may exist, but it is the concept of formal religion that I struggle to grasp.

One of the main things I dislike about formal religion is how close-minded it is. Catholicism thinks it knows what is best, Judaism thinks so too and so on down the line. In fact, what I see is a bunch of people squabbling and fighting over their beliefs, when they all share the same fundamental belief that there is a God. I am not saying that the nuances of a religion are not important either; but why does one religion have to dislike another religion because it believes in something different? This is the 21st century, and mankind has evolved enough by now that it should be able to accept others differences at least to the point where one group can tolerate another.

Let me briefly return to something different. I was watching a movie last year and I had an epiphany. The movie said something that was so true to me that I adopted it myself. The quote from the movie went somewhat like this: "Human beings believing in something was where they went wrong. The man merely put an idea in their heads, and they turned it into a belief system." I am a great fan of this idea. People die over beliefs; they have since the beginning, and without change, they will to the end. So many wars we have been in were either caused or affected by religion. That amounts to a lot of deaths because of what can be boiled down into a five-year-old in a fight saying, "I am better than you are."

The other point about religion is about faith. Now most people when they hear I don't follow religion, will say "Oh, he has no faith," and that is dead wrong. In fact, I bet I have more faith than half the people that follow a religion. Just because it is not necessarily faith in God does not make it any different. How can somebody go and say he believes in God and follow all the rules laid down by his or her religion and then say that he doesn't have any faith?

Religion and faith must go hand in hand. Isn't the point of having a religion to show your faith in God? I think that faith should be a prerequisite for joining a religion, although not necessarily vice-versa. No one can teach you to find faith. It is something that you must find on your own. A million sermons or a million readings will not help you find it. Faith is in us all, you just have to be willing to look. Faith in something is not the same as believing in something and believing is not the same as having faith. Faith is having trust in a person, place, or thing. Believing in something is devoting yourself so firmly to it that you might die for it.

I will leave you with this - the next time you pick up the holy book of your religion, stop and think, "Do I have faith in what this is saying?" and "Do I believe in this, or does this just embody an ideal or set of ideals I have?" There is no correct answer to these questions, but they might help you find out who you are and that is something truly worth looking into.

Adam Carbone is a sophomore Biology major.

Hannah Margoles

Weekly Guest Columnist

Judaism has always been a very important and influential part of my life. Ever since I was five years old, I attended Jewish day school. I went to Jewish camps, sang in a Jewish choir and played ball in a Jewish youth league. Almost every Friday night of my childhood was spent having Shabbat dinner with my family. Being Jewish is a large source of consistency in an ever-changing world.

During the confusing years of my adolescence, I always had a strong Jewish identity. It was relief to know that no matter whom I met and what I did, I always had my Judaism. I won't lie; Jewish day school had its perks compared to my Jewish friends who were more immersed in the realm of the public sector. Every holiday we had days off school and every Friday, we ended classes early. However, Judaism is not just about the holidays and the religion, despite the common misconception in the Diaspora; instead, it is a way of life. This includes how to eat, how and when to pray, as well as being circumcised and having a bar or bat mitzvah at the age of thirteen.

Being Jewish is a large source of consistency in an ever-changing world.

Being Jewish always brought me a sense of community. Every week, my family dropped its activities for some quality time together over Shabbat dinner. Whenever there was a death in the family, every last distant cousin and his or her mother was there to sit Shiva with us. Every Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, my family came together to celebrate; it was something to look forward to. Annually, there is a citywide celebration of Israel's independence. A large section of streets in the center of the city are blocked off in order for everyone to participate in a parade, which ends in a park filled with Israeli food, T-shirt stands, Israeli flags, blaring Israeli music and tons of people. To think all these people were celebrating for the same reason is comforting, even exciting.

During my junior year in high school, I had the privilege of spending my first semester studying in Israel. Consequently, I realized even more than ever how much I loved being a Jew and how important it was to me. Despite culture differences in the style of dress, vernacular, or even the cuisine, put any Israeli and me together in a synagogue and we could pray together as one voice. Take a restaurant for example, we would either eat an all-dairy meal or an all meat meal, one of the simplest rules of Kashrut. Instead, take a Jew from France or Spain or Germany or Africa, and the outcome would be the same. Jews all over the world are united by a common way of life, the life Judaism, not merely a religion. Maybe that is the reason we have survived so well as a people and for such a long time? No matter how vicious, brutal or inhumane the fight, we have survived because we have the support of each other.

Hannah Margoles is a sophomore Biology major with a Jewish Studies minor.

Lucas Tomanelli

Op-Ed Editor

Ignorance isn't a personal characteristic that one should admit to possessing. After all, who wants to be known for being ignorant? That's a bit of an over-exaggeration, but in all seriousness, ignorance is a personal trait that most people could do without. However, to what extent can we term ourselves as ignorant? If you had the opportunity to admit that you were unfamiliar with a certain topic, would you call yourself ignorant, or just unaware of the way that certain things are? I doubt that many people will ever take pride in admitting their own ignorance, but I feel as if it's my duty to shed some light why I, along with a fair chunk of people share a rather large void in knowledge when it comes to religious faith.

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For many young men and women of our generation, religion is a sacred aspect of existence. For others, the thought of following a specific organized religion - -or even believing in God -- might seem to be a foolish waste of thought. When my parents married, they decided that, being of different religious backgrounds, I would be raised without a specific religious affiliation. That being said, I know virtually nothing about any organized religion. When I arrived at Muhlenberg just over one year ago, I observed that many of my peers were involved in practices of their specific faiths. It was a daunting, frustrating observation, to say the least.

For those that have never had any formal education in -- forget affiliation with -- an organized religion, numerous questions are brought to mind. For one (to put it bluntly), who is 'god' To ask such a question might seem childish and, above all, will probably make the questioner seem like an ignorant fool. However, if you or I have never been formally educated in a religious context, then how are we to know who God is, and what he/she stands for? To answer my own question, the formality of a specific, organized religion doesn't seem to be required for one to gradually develop a belief in God. Such a comment, you could say, might only contribute to my naivete towards all religious movements, but given the fact that I'm a strong believer in a higher being, not to mention that I know numerous people who feel the same way, I'd say that such an argument would be easily refuted.

That being said, I know virtually nothing about organized religion.

I often times reflect on my parents' decision twenty years ago to raise me agnostic, and I try to evaluate their decision objectively. Is the fact that I'm absolutely clueless when it comes to organized religion acceptable when considering the fact that I've come to my own unique conclusion regarding the true nature of God? Is the ignorance really worth the independent path to religious understanding? Having weighed the pros and cons time and again, I realized that my parents couldn't have made a better choice, and when the time comes, I'll be prepared to explore all the avenues available to me. Hopefully, when all is said and done, I'll know exactly where I stand in the spectrum of religious existence.

Suffering beyond our borders

By Jen Diamond
Weekly Staff Writer

Gathered in Egner Memorial Chapel, speakers from around the world discussed the problem of world hunger and its possible solutions. The panelists agreed that although genetic engineering posed promising solutions for famine, Peter Mann, the international coordinator for World Hunger Year (WHY), was correct in saying, "People, and not technology, are the key to ending hunger." Specifically this meant gaining access to land and spreading democracy.

Attendees to a panel discuession in the chapel.

Photo by Jamie Buckwalter

The discussion was the third part of the Hunger in the Midst of Plenty series, sponsored by the College's Center for the Ethics and Leadership. Marjorie Haas, associate professor in the Philosophy Department and director of the Center for Ethics and Leadership, supported the large turnout. She commented that, "We can no longer blind ourselves to the suffering beyond our borders."

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Collection container for change and information about world hunger in the Chapel lobby.

Photo by Jamie Buckwalter

"People, not technology, are the key to ending hunger."

Peter Mann

Present were panelists Peter Mann, Stephanie Seidel, campus organizer of Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement, and Tsegay Wolde-Georgis, the current head of the Embassy of Ethiopia's political department in Washington, D.C. Moderating the panel was senior Matthew Jones.

Each panelist spoke, explaining his or her own background, concerns and ideas regarding world hunger. Then, Matthew Jones, '02, posed questions to the guests.

The audience listened as the panel debated genetic engineering of food, the United States government's role in world hunger and dangers in allowing government to hold too much control over food dispersal.

According to Seidel, "When money is freed up by debt relief, the country should have a say in how this money is spent."

As the night grew on, the crowd dwindled to a small, but group who addressed the panel with questions of their own.

Changes to generalized view of Islamic culture in America

By Lauren Weisner
Weekly Staff Writer

Islamic culture has been under siege by mass media,and claims have been made that the American public is uneducated about this culture, since the recent attack on America from terrorists. However, learning more about the culture and religion of Islam has become easier for Muhlenberg students and visitors alike. In a forty-five minute speech followed by a question and answer session, speakers Mohamed Rajmohamed and Awetif Eid gave an overview of the Islamic culture. The presentation series, "Who Are 'They'? Islam and America" opened last Monday at the campus chapel, which was three-quarters full of attendees.

"Muslims didn't do that. A true Muslim wouldn't do that."

Awetif Eid,
Teacher of Islam

At the presentation, attendees learned about the Islamic culture from Rajmohamed and Eid's speeches. The schools of the Islamic religion are split between Traditionalists, Modernists, and Fundamentalists. Traditionals are strict orthodox and follow all set rules of the old age. Modernists attempt to change the religion to better suit the times. Fundamentalists use their religion for political means. According to the speakers, all schools of the religion agree to disagree because of their basic principle that the path to truth can be found in many ways.

"Muslims didn't do that. A true Muslim wouldn't do that," said Eid. It is forbidden to kill any woman, child, older man or person without a weapon in Islamic tradition. The only war or fighting is on defensive terms.

Rajmohamed said the differences between western and eastern tradition are not very deep seated. "They are actually almost a mirror image," he added. There are many dualities between the two cultures that have gone unnoticed. Languages have similarities, and cultures intertwine with dualities. The commonality of the two is overlooked frequently. "I wish we could look at the broader view...why didn't we try to get together in a peaceful way?" said Eid.

The speakers explained

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school "to let us know they're safe."

The College has posted a list of alumni that have been confirmed "safe" on its website under "'Berg Remembers." They are encouraging any alumni living or working in either the New York City or Washington, D.C. areas, or who were otherwise in harm's way in these events, to notify them that they are safe so that they may post that information on their new "'Berg Remembers" website. Alumni and their families can contact the College at contact us at 1-800-464-2374, or visit the Muhlenberg website and search using keywords "'Berg remembers."

Fall Break Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Friday, October 5 and Wednesday, October 9 to accommodate those traveling for Fall Break. The scheduled times are as follows:

Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal

Departs Center for the Arts on Friday, October 5th
10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Charcoal Drive-In on Tuesday, October 9th
3:55 p.m., 5:25, 6:55, 8:25, 9:55

Allentown Bus Terminal

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OFF CAMPUS

Moravian College -- Andrea Mitchell, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent for NBC News, will lecture at 8 p.m. Oct. 10 in Moravian College's Johnston Hall. Mitchell has been at the forefront of NBC's coverage of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11. Her appearance is part of the Cohen Arts and Lecture Series.

Mitchell is host of MSNBC's "The Mitchell Report," NBC News' election year broadcast of record. Her reports present a round up of the day's political events and news updates on presidential and congressional races, including debates, primaries and caucuses. She has reported for the Nightly News with Tom Brokaw.

Mitchell is the wife of Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Board chairman.

Tickets for the Mitchell lecture are $10 and are available at the Haupert Union Building desk, Monocacy and W. Laurel streets, Bethlehem. Tickets may be purchased by phone during normal business hours at 610-861-1336.

Proceeds from the lecture benefit the Moravian College scholarship fund. For more information call 610-861-1491 or visit www.moravian.edu.

Allentown-- Victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were remembered yesterday during an afternoon ceremony at Center Square in Allentown. Mayor William L. Heydt and County Executive Jane Ervin placed a memorial wreath of fresh flowers at the base of the monument.

The elected officials will be joined by representatives of the city's police, fire and ambulance services and the county's office of emergency management, including Director John Conklin. The public is invited to place flowers or memorials at the base of the monument.

"It's mainly for people who work downtown and live downtown, although we've been inviting everybody we can think of," said Karen Fox, the city's public relations coordinator. The wreath, made of red, white and blue flowers, will be shaped like the Liberty Bell and will feature two eternal lights.

Harrisburg-- Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker huddled Monday with the man he will succeed in 11 days and met later with legislative leaders as he began preparing to take the reins of state government.

Schweiker, 48, will assume the governorship on Oct. 5, when Gov. Tom Ridge resigns to lead President Bush's new Office of Homeland Security.

Schweiker, on Monday, also received briefings on one of the most pressing issues he will face--the Philadelphia school district's funding crisis. The 215,000-student district, which has been seeking more money from the state for years, faces a $216 million deficit this year.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 67 Low: 35	High: 71 Low: 42	High: 72 Low: 47

Acceptance rate drops while retention rate becomes highest in the College's history

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Over the past three years, the College has had to greatly reduce the number of accepted students. In 1999, 1809 applicants were accepted, compared to this year, when the school accepted 1374 applicants. This year's acceptance rate—35 percent—would move the College up on the list of lowest acceptance rates for liberal arts colleges.

Because, at least, some other college's acceptance rates moved down as well, the College cannot be certain how far they have moved up until the magazine releases its final results in March.

U.S. News's rankings of the nation's "Best Colleges" are typically one year behind the admissions cycle because of their publication deadlines. Last year, the school's acceptance rate was 44 percent.

Since record numbers of students are choosing to enroll here, it has become increasingly difficult for the College to predict the size of each incoming class. It is still too early for the College to give an exact number, but they are predicting that they will need to cut the number of acceptances down more this year.

Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, told The Weekly there are positive and negative issues involved with this increase in students.

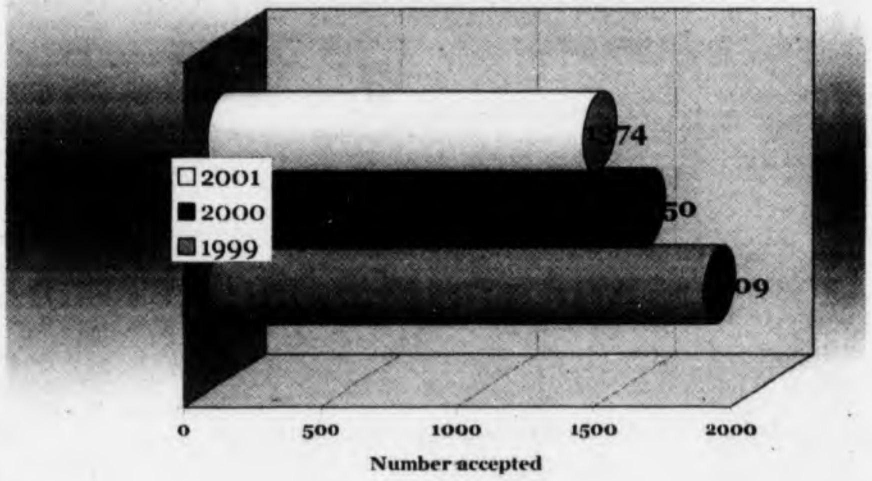
The positive is that because more students consider enrolling here, the Admissions Office has become more selective. This could have a positive outcome on the student body as the school's diversity increases.

On the negative side, Chris said, "if the yield keeps spiking upward at an astonishing rate, how do you control enrollment?" Even with the significant number of acceptances taken "off the table" over the past three years, the school cannot predict how many students will decide to enroll next year.

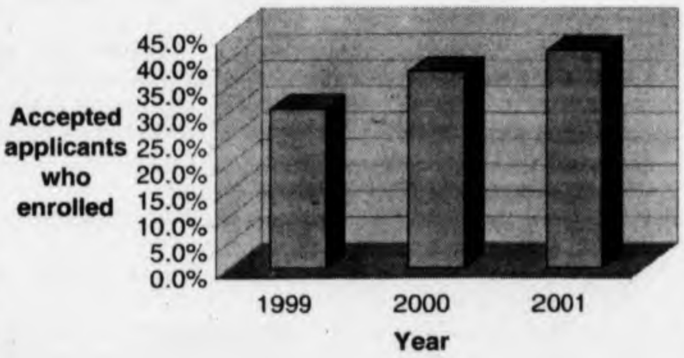
At 41.8 percent, the latest percentage yield, or the number of accepted applicants who actually enroll here, is the highest ever for the College. Last year, the school's percentage yield was 37.6 percent, which was also increased from previous years. From 1992-1997, an average of about 25 percent of accepted applicants enrolled. Since 1997, however, this steadily rising number has caused the school to reduce its acceptance rate as well.

The number of first-year students who come to the College is not the only number that's growing. The school's retention rate for all returning class years has risen significantly. The school's retention rate for first-year students returning their second year, which is usually around 90 percent, peaked at 94 percent last year. Now at 93.1 percent, this rate remained above average compared to other liberal arts colleges this year, as well.

Total Applicants Admissions Office Accepted (1999-2001)



Annual Percentage Yield



Election Information

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The voting location will be the Jewish Community Center at 22nd and Tilghman Streets. The shuttle will be available for Election Day. Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg and Judicial Officer Jane Schubert will provide a shuttle to the center. Students can also register or receive absentee ballots for home voting districts through the College. Brian Bentzen will also have a mayoral forum on October 23.

Students feast at hunger banquet

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while the third-world countries had over half of the participants in it.

Depending on the group assignment, students and faculty were seated for dinner.

Based on the idea that we use food to rank ourselves globally, the first-world countries were seated at a small round table and were served a four-course dinner while the second-world countries were seated at a slightly larger rectangular arrangement of tables and were served a vegetable stew with some bread. The third-world countries sat on the floor and had to serve themselves one helping of rice and beans and a cup of tea.

Discussion within the groups ranged from general solutions to the hunger problem, to debate among first-class group members as to whether or not they deserved to eat their four-course meal.

Most facilitators had some past experience in a foreign country and had seen hunger close-up.

One student had spent five weeks in Nepal and had seen malnourished children with swollen bellies. This was just one of the many that helped give participants a clearer idea of the effects of hunger worldwide.

Urged by Kovats-Bernat to "recognize our friends, brothers, and sisters 'under the table' and imagine a way for everyone to sit around the table," participants, along with the volunteer student and faculty facilitators, attempted to find solutions to world hunger.

Their vision is for nations worldwide to sit at a table more like that of the first-world countries.

The banquet was part of the school's Hunger in the Midst of Plenty series.

The series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership, which is chaired by Dr. Margie Haas, an associate professor in the Philosophy Department.

Damaged, but safe, goods go to Second Harvest warehouses and then are distributed to places such as soup kitchens to go to the hungry.

Second Harvest is always looking for volunteers on a weekly basis.

A Wood Food Service employee serves Jen Baldwin, '02, vegetable stew at the table representing second-world countries.

Photo by Matt Meyers

Bicycle Thefts

In the past week and a half, two bicycles have been reported as stolen. According to Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole, the best way to protect your bike against theft is to buy a u-shaped lock.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 17 - Accident - A student owned automobile was hit by a non-student while backing into a parking spot on Chew Street near Prosser Drive.

Sept. 17 - Alcohol Violation - Six students in Prosser Hall were referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 18 - Fire - A transformer in the basement of Trumbower caught on fire. This led to canceling classes in the building for the remainder of the day.

Sept. 18 - Theft - A student had a gray Sprint flip style phone stolen in Seegers Union.

Sept. 19 - Injured Student - A student hurt his ankle in the Center for the Arts.

Sept. 20 - Trespass - A man was found trying to buy-back books from students. He was going to sell them back to the publisher for more money. The man received a letter of trespass.

Sept. 20 - Injured Employee - An employee injured their knee and ankle in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 20 - Theft - A stool was stolen from the Center for the Arts information counter. It was described having a black vinyl seat with wooden legs and a stain on the seat.

Sept. 20 - Theft - Cash and an ATM card were stolen from a locker room in the Life Sports Center.

Sept. 21 - Noise Complaint - A number of Sig Ep brothers were asked to quiet down on East quad.

Sept. 22 - Intoxicated Student - Female student was referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 22 - Fake ID - A student tried to use a fake ID to get into a SigEp party. The student was referred to the Dean.

Sept. 22 - Fake ID - Student was sent to the Dean's office.

Sept. 22 - Harassment - One student harassed another student at a Sig Ep party. Both were referred to the Dea"s office.

Sept. 22 - Noise Complaint - The City Communication Center received a noise complaint due to excessive noise at the Sig Ep fraternity.

Sept. 22 - Fire Alarm - Due to dust from construction a fire alarm in the commons building was triggered.

Sept. 22 - Theft - A teal Montana mountain bike was stolen from the rear of the Ettinger building.

Sept. 22 - Information - Plant Operations called from 2230 Chew Street complaining of bees in the house.

Sept. 22 - Smoking Violation - A resident of the Hamilton Linden apartments called Campus Safety complaining of smoke coming from a college leased apartment.

Sept. 22 - Missing Student - Parents were worried about student. The student was found crying and was referred to counseling.

Sept. 22 - Missing Student - A parent of a Hamilton Linden apartment resident could not locate their son.

Sept. 22 - Found Property - A canvass suitcase and a duffel bag were found in the Prosser parking lot.

Sept. 23 - Hit & Run - An intoxicated non-student hit a student automobile as it was backing into a parking spot on Chew Street.

Sept. 23 - Vandalism - An automobile window was smashed on the 400 block of 22nd Street.

Sept. 23 - Noise Complaint - Excessive noise was coming from AEPi house.

Sept. 23 - Noise Complaint - Noise from a house on 415 Leh Street.

Sept. 23 - Suspicious Person - A non-student was found in the Library looking up pornography on the Internet.

COHEN ARTS AND LECTURES PRESENTS

"An Evening with Andrea Mitchell"

Andrea Mitchell is the chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC News, reporting on evolving foreign policy issues in the United States and abroad for all NBC News broadcasts, including *Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, *Today*, and for MSNBC.

Andrea Mitchell has been at the forefront of NBC's coverage of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Her observations of the recent tragic events, the media, politics, and life "inside the beltway" are both informative and inspiring.

Wednesday, October 10
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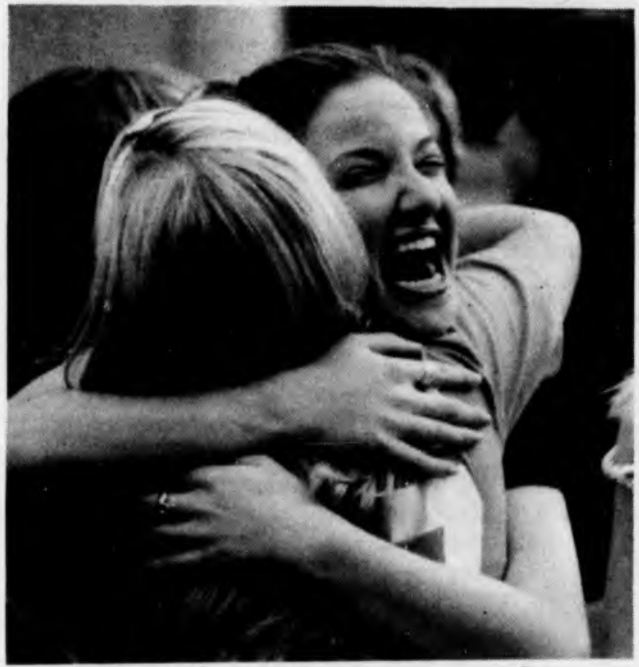

Sophomore girls celebrate with joy, happiness, and much crying after recieving the bids to the sororities that they wanted to join.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Gathering to advocate peace

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was for students to educate each other and express their opinions on the issue.

Several professors and students spoke, some with prepared speeches and others just reacting to what they heard. Clark said the professors were very supportive in speaking at the rally. Those who spoke included Scott Sherk, Chris Kovats-Bernat, James Schneider, Julia Hardy and Patricia Bradt. Scott Sherk, art professor, proposed that the Muhlenberg Community visually represent our nation's loss by making figurines to symbolize each victim of the terrorist attacks.

The project has already begun with some sculptures displayed in the Center for the Arts. Those present discussed Afghanistan, Islam, and the concepts of war. Members of Amnesty researched the United States' involvement in Afghanistan and created a table of information for the event. One student talked about how she will be going home for fall break to see gravestones and funerals because so many of her town's residents were killed in the attacks. She went on to say that she did not want anyone else to go through tremendous loss, and therefore supports nonviolent justice. Others discussed how media are often biased in portrayals of events and people should educate themselves before jumping to conclusions.

Clark wanted to make it clear that those participating in the Speak Out are not spoiled students who oppose war because they personally do not want to fight. They want to look into peaceful ways of resolving the issue to avoid more bloodshed. She said, "I don't know what I want to happen," but she does want options besides war discussed.

Students and faculty were given the opportunity to sign a peace petition, which was modeled after one students at Wesleyan College created and posted on the Internet. The petition, which states that the undersigned oppose violent retaliation and hope for peaceful justice, was read aloud and signed.

Nancy Grove, another member of Amnesty, said she hopes to get additional signatures and bring the petition to Washington, D.C., possibly as early as this Saturday, when there will be an anti-war march.

For Colleen Clark, the Speak Out was important because it helped educate those involved. She feels that "in order to debate, we need to be well-educated." Amnesty, a human rights organization on campus and around the world, helps to lobby governments and educate students.

Speak Out petition spread out underneath walkway.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

The Islamic culture intertwoven with dualities

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that the resentment felt by those fundamentalists who reacted violently originates in the need of the Islamic to practice their religion freely. In economic malaise and social injustice, they are not able to obtain salvation. There is no support from the West, and often times their culture has been hindered by the interference of western countries in the peaceable negotiation of fighting eastern countries.

Weapons and funding were provided to the militaries of fighting Islamic countries from the United States. Instead of aiding peace, the United States aided war, explained Eid.

"The Islam religion is a complete way of life," said Rajmohamed. Islamic people live by strict rules governing their every action. They follow the teachings of the prophet, Mohamed.

Every aspect of his life was made public and his translation of the book Koran in his conversations, called Hadith, act as a guideline for all Islamic people.

There are also five pillars a person of Islamic faith must follow. Spoken verses as well as the practice of virtues including humility and morality make a testimony of faith. Prayers are spoken five times a day as a cleansing of the soul. A month long fasting period takes place in the fall season as another part of the cleansing process. Gathering in the house of God is yet another pillar of faith. Donating a percent of income is the last of the pillar traditions.

Attendees also learned about the Koran, which is the only religious book that mentions other religions.

The ideal Muslim is an "eye through which God sees himself in this world." They strive for this through the pillars and by understanding other religions.

The theology of the Koran is that God is in all things. Allah is the word for God, and God comes in all forms. The path to truth comes in many forms.

Although the schools tend to disagree, all three scorn upon the path of the extreme fundamentalists responsible for the tragedy on September 11th. These fundamentalists interpret the Koran out of context and use a very subjective meaning for their justifications of their actions. This is against the culture of Islam where the interpretations of the Koran come from the profits and high scholars.

Mr. Rajmohamed has lived in the Lehigh Valley for 30 years and works at St. Luke's Hospital as a pharmacist. He is an active member of the local Shi'ite and regularly speaks for the local community.

Ms. Eid is also a long time resident of the Lehigh Valley. She works as a local veterinarian and is a member of the Lehigh Valley Alliance Interface where she claims "to build bridges of understanding [that is] not from media." Both speakers strive to educate others about their religion and the peaceable nature of Islamic tradition.

Several more presentations this fall are planned to follow Monday's session. Possible topics of discussion include the origins of politicized fundamentalism, American foreign policy, contemporary American Muslim populations, and hate crimes against Muslim populations. "[We're] anticipating future topics in weeks to come," claimed Thomas Pearson of the Religion Department.

To suggest any topics of discussion or speakers for the "Who Are 'They'? Islam and America" series contact Thomas Pearson. This series was possible through the Religion Department and the Office of Multicultural Life.

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"MY ONLY ADVICE IS TO STAY AWARE, LISTEN CAREFULLY AND YELL FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT."

- JUDY BLUME

Paying tribute to victims of attack is an art form

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

As a united student body, we feared, we mourned and now we remember all of the innocent men, women and children who are missing or dead as a result of the tragic events of September 11th. It is difficult to fathom the amount of destruction that has occurred in New York City and Washington, D.C. Even more impossible to imagine is the loss of over 6,000 lives.

Six thousand is not a number that can be counted on your fingers. One does not know its depths. It is this difficulty to comprehend the enormous number of lost lives that led Scott Sherk, Professor of Art, to create a sculpture project in the Baker Center for the Arts. Sherk calls this project, "Six thousand people lost, all of them different. Six thousand sculptures, all of them different."

Sherk began this project in the Center for the Arts on September 20th. Both students and faculty alike can make clay sculptures, which are then placed on a designated area on the floor in the lobby. Sherk explains that the goal is to make 6,000 sculptures. "We will get an idea of what it means to have 6,000 people lost."

Sherk created this project to not only enable people to fathom the extent of losing 6,000 lives, but also to commemorate and pay tribute to these innocent people. When speaking about the project in the Center for the Arts, Sherk comments, "Since the beginning of time, the idea behind sculpture has been to create something that is absent." An example of this idea can even be found in the Bible to which Sherk makes a reference when he states, "in the second chapter of Genesis, God creates Adam from a lump of clay."

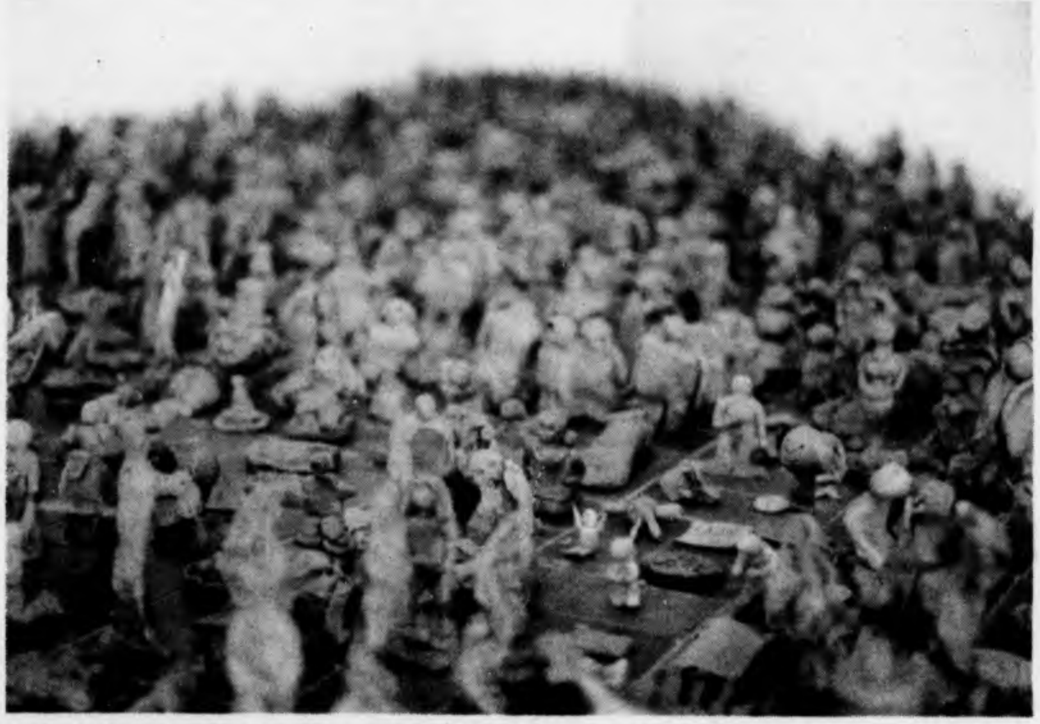
Similar to the generosity Muhlenberg students have shown during this painful time, there has been an outpouring of students coming to the Center for the Arts and participating in this project. "So many people have been making sculptures in the Center of the Arts, and most aren't even art students," comments Sherk. "There are beautiful sculptures of animals, angels, crying people, happy people and praying people."

Sherk believes that this project has a dual purpose. As well as paying tribute to the victims of the attack, these sculptures act as an emotional release for many people. "Art takes feelings and brings them into the world so we can see them," Sherk explains. "It's therapeutic, and it brings us together as a community."

It is uncertain as to how long the sculptures will remain in the Center for the Arts after 6,000 are completed. There are currently about 2,000 completed sculptures. Sherk estimates that it will take at least another week or two to reach 6,000. However, Sherk explains that when it is time to clear the sculptures out of the Center of the Arts, "all 6,000 sculptures will be returned to dust. It's a complete cycle."

Regardless of whether or not you are artistic, everyone should take the time to make at least one small sculpture. As long as the Center for the Arts is open, there is always clay that is available and ready to be used.

Unable to stress enough the importance of people participating in this project, Sherk comments, "No skill or previous experience is necessary. Just a sense of humanity."



Nearly 2,000 small sculptures fill the lobby of the Center for the Arts as a tribute to the recent terrorists attacks. The goal is to reach 6,000.

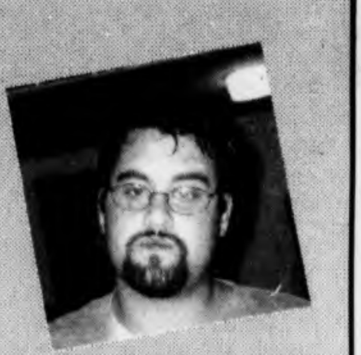
PHOTO BY JESSICA SKROCKI

Question of the Week: *Which television season premiere do you most want to see?*

"Dharma and Greg."
-Jon Schwartz '02

"Frasier."
-Jeff Slotterback '04

"Gilmore Girls."
-Amy Piccola '05



"Angel."
-Dan Lane '03

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Hardball strikes out, as far as comedy goes

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

Movie trailers are meant to draw in the anxious moviegoer with swooning scenes of happiness, adventure and drama. Generally trailers for comedies portray two or three of the funniest lines that will attract a fit of laughter. Dramas have dramatic music and entourages of prolific acting. Adventure flicks show dashing and daring sequences of burning buildings and pulsating muscles. What you see is what you get. But what happens when an evil, devious trailer depicts a movie with funny laughs and family scenes when the film is actually a heart-wrenching tearjerker filled with remorse and poverty? That's easy, the new film *Hardball* starring pretty-boy Keanu Reeves, and that's pretty much it for the cast.

Hardball begins with a style of opening credits that reminded me of the style used in such B-rated horror flicks like *The Haunting* and *Village of the Damned*. I even questioned if I was in the right theater. The scene is set as a dark, dismal and disgusting back-alley in Chicago. Connor O'Neil, portrayed by *Bill and Ted* and *The Matrix* veteran Keanu Reeves, is a drunken lowlife living in a grimy and cobwebbed apartment and dealing with an unfathomable gambling debt. He's a hunted man; several bookies are after him for thousands and thousands of dollars from defeated Chicago Bulls games. He turns to a supposed banker "friend" (the relationship to the banker, among many other points in the movie, is left extremely unclear) for twelve thousand dollars, but instead is forced to coach a little league team in the impoverished projects. The movie continues to closely follow his involvement with each boy's life and how he learns to shirk off his enormous debts and life of favors for mentoring. Hardball -- more like hard to believe.

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Portrayed as a family comedy in the trailers, *Hardball* touches a deep undertone of human suffering and utter disregard for human life. As an entertaining film it fails miserably; however, as an acute portrayal of impoverished childhood that may very well be extremely realistic, it's quite striking. The film skirts issues of gun violence, gang activity, and most of all fear. The parallel set up between Connor's rat-laden life and the lives of the boys on the baseball team is interesting and detailed, yet the scenes with the children are particularly disturbing. They live in a world where people have to sit on their cold linoleum floors surrounded by their children in order to avoid the constant battery of stray bullets whizzing through the night air. Children are scared and deathly frightened to walk ten feet without having someone, even if it is a younger child, by their side. As real as this may be in many, many parts of the country and the world, it has no place in the genre in which this film is marketed.

In addition to incredibly false advertising, *Hardball* features familiar stars that always remain nameless to those who try to remember their names but can't simply because they are not famous enough. Keanu Reeves is the sole pinnacle character and famous identity in the movie, and even he is miscast. Proceeding the never forgotten and candidly intelligent *Bill and Ted* installments, the fantastical hi-tech sci-fi thriller *The Matrix*, sappy romantic drama *Sweet November*, Keanu seems to have taken a pay cut and a mid-career crisis. His

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Live breaks the mold with *V*

By Audrey Neddermann
Weekly Staff Writer

The appropriately titled fifth album from the alternative rockers of Live proves itself to be a worthy effort. The band experiments with hip-hop sounds and hard rock on an album that is more concerned with keeping you awake than on being reflective. This is certainly the case with the first single "Simple Creed," an addictive, energized number featuring an appearance by trip-hop artist Tricky.

Live has been labeled as a spiritual band in the past. With their last album, *The Distance to Here*, they worked on breaking that mold with their first real love song, "Dance with You," and the dark groove "Voodoo Lady." With *V*, they continue to break their stereotype. Themes of love remain, but less talk of God appears. In "People Like You," lead vocalist Ed Kowalczyk sings, "Hallelujah / I finally broke their mold...Where are the boys of Live? / They're pissing in the mainstream." He makes the point here that though Live may be experimenting, they have no interest in being considered a "mainstream" band. Besides the hard-edged songs like "Simple Creed," the angry "People Like You," and double entendre filled "Deep Enough," the album does feature some softer ballads. The band's interest in the theme of opening up to love is continued in "Call me a Fool," where Kowalczyk sings, "I gave up the ghost of everything / I was before / now I'm one with the fools of love." The song "Overcome" stands out on the album as a powerful and emotional ballad where we get a chance to hear the sensitive side to Kowalczyk's voice that does not get much other showcase on this album.

In order to show their support for America after the catastrophes in New York and Washington D.C., Live allowed "Overcome" to be downloaded for free off of their website in hopes that it might comfort people.

Fans looking for the more soul-searching songs that characterized Live's early material may be disappointed with this album. The subject matter is lighter and the tunes are more carefree. Kowalczyk writes: "The mouth of God is wide / so let's just fall inside / and let the whole damn thing go / and flow." In experimenting with different genres, Live has proved that they are capa-

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West Fest captured on film

Photos by Jamie Buckwalkter

New D12 album hits some nerves

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

What else can I say about this album, other than that I am truly disappointed? After the release of Eminem's 2000 mega-album, *The Marshall Mathers LP*, a decent follow-up was anticipated, at the very least. Instead, Eminem presents fans with *Devil's Night*, the less-than-genius creation in collaboration with D12. Perhaps the bigger question that remains to be answered is why Eminem even bothered joining up with this group when he was doing so unexpectedly well on his own.

While seeking out young talent may be the key to fame for such hip-hop artists including Dr. Dre, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, and other big names, this does not seem to be the case for Marshall "Eminem" Mathers.

The handful of no-names that are featured in D12 distinguish themselves only by the increasing raunchiness of each other's solos. D12 member Kuniva opens the album with a public service announcement warning listeners to "turn this shit off right now" if they think they'll be offended by the rainbow of homophobic slurs (no pun intended) and ruthless woman-bashing. In fact, compared to *Devil's Night, The Marshall Mathers LP* sounds like a Sesame Street collection instead of the album that made listeners everywhere drop their jaws.

The only redeeming quality of this cliched record is the overly-graphic first single, cleverly titled "Purple Pills," complete with obvious connotations to drugs, date rape and other crude facets of humanity. Mathers finds himself making music about this subject matter time and again, giving a gritty humor to the rest of the garbage on the album.

If laughs are really what you're after, compare and contrast the three different, distinct versions of this song, one of which is suitable for playing on the radio, one for MTV, and one on the album itself.

If you're brave enough to spend the money on such an album, you can expect to find the same humorous interludes that were scattered throughout Eminem's last CD, the difference being that the first ones had a much more original sound. There is a healthy assortment of DJ-mixed backbeats followed by catchy choruses, but they lack any kind of commercial appeal. With tracks called "American Psycho" and "Blow My Buzz", it is safe to say that this album has lyrics that won't appear in the background of a car advertisement.

All in all, there might be a few tracks that are worth listening to for really loyal Eminem fans. However, if he is just another name on the list of CDs stored in your collection, it would probably be best for you to pass this one up.

Muhlenberg's Top 5

Sayings Seniors Hate to Hear:

* I need to see some ID

* Pub night is at Woody's

* Come to the Resume-O-Thon

* So what do you plan to do after you graduate?

* Do you live in Prosser or Walz?

Places to Go When You're Under 21:

* Ham Fam

* The Farmer's Market

* Sig Ep

* Maingate on Friday night

* Wegman's

By Kelly Robertson

Live's fifth album debuts

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ble of staying interesting. This is a dynamic album whose interest in letting loose is a refreshing change for the band. Despite their new interest in experimentation, Live remains a group of truly excellent musicians who have an amazing ability to inspire us. You can currently catch Live on tour playing Philadelphia's First Spectrum with Jane's Addiction on October 3 and Madison Square Garden on October 15th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND??

Friday, September 28
5pm Band "WESTFALL"
Shankweiler Bridge

9pm-1am PSYCHIC FAIR
Seegers Lobby
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Wednesday, October 10
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Trumbower 130

Thursday, October 11
9pm NATE PICKOWICZ
Recital Hall

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Friday, October 12

6pm	Movie "A.I" Red Door
8pm	Pep Rally in Memorial Hall
8pm-Midnight	Big Chair Photo Pictures in Seegers Lobby
10pm	Graffiti Tribe in the Garden Room
11pm-3am	Karaoke with free videos in the Red Door

Saturday, October 13 (homecoming)
11am Volleyball vs Gettysburg
11:30am Homecoming Parade
11:30am-1:30pm Campus Tailgate Picnic on the Front Lawn
(Garden Room is closed)
1pm Football vs Johns Hopkins

5th Quarter Post Game Tent Party (following the Football Game to 9pm)
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1pm Women's Soccer vs Gettysburg
2:30pm Volleyball vs Washington

10pm Student Council Dance in the Tent...everyone's invited!!

Sunday, October 14 COUNTING CROWS CONCERT IN MEMORIAL HALL

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Hardball won't win any points

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attempted and foundering bad boy look just isn't convincing, and he looks in this role as a giant wearing size two children's shoes. In the past he's broken out of his doofus and dorky roles into more serious and more exploratory characters, but as Connor O'Neil he's doubled-back on a road to monotony. Word to the wise: Keanu, be more selective!

Some dramas are entertaining, and despite being slow-paced, can be very audience engaging. *Hardball*, however is slow, unproductive and boring. The scenes are choppy, and the plot is so overly melodramatic that the true and actual events have become a blatant fantasy of horrid storytelling. The script for the adults in the film is weak and mundane, while the most of the colorful and abundant profanity is preached by the children (all seeming to be under the age of ten). If you are looking for a nap and a good cry, *Hardball* is worth the rental. If not, don't even give it a second thought. When it comes to *Hardball*, never sacrifice entertainment for distress.

horoscopes

Aries
You've been feeling under the weather lately. Ariens are very much affected by the weather, so relax, curl up with a good book, then take a nap.

Taurus
Your temper is very short this week. Beware of what you say to avoid verbal fights.

Gemini
Someone will give you a tongue lashing this week. Listen to what they have to say because there is some truth in their words.

Cancer
A friend is in dire need of your support. Lend your ears and offer advice to try to comfort them.

Leo
Have fun this week! You have an unlimited amount of energy, so use it to your advantage.

Virgo
You are swamped with work this week -- make sure you do not neglect anything.

Libra
Make sure you get on top of your work this week, otherwise you'll fall behind and become overwhelmed.

Scorpio
Make sure you get enough exercise and sleep this week. Don't burn the candle at both ends.

Sagittarius
Love us in the forecast for you, Sagittarius! Be aware -- Cupid may shoot his arrow at you!

Capricorn
You are having an awesome week. Make sure you trust your instincts because you are right on target.

Aquarius
You have become smitten with someone special. But watch out -- it may get you into trouble.

Pisces
Take time for yourself every day. Otherwise you're going to have a rough week.

Written by Miss Tink

life! movie listings

September 28th
to
September 30th

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Zoolander
Fri.-4:$0, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:10
Don't Say a Word
Fri.-4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 8:00
Hearts in Atlantis
Fri.-4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10
Hardball
Fri.-4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:15
The Others
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:15; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:15
Rat Race
Fri.-4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:45
The Musketeer
Fri.-7:10, 9:30; Sat.-7:10, 9:30; Sun.-7:50
The Princess Diaries
Fri.-4:10; Sat. and Sun.-1:10, 4:10
Glitter
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 7:50

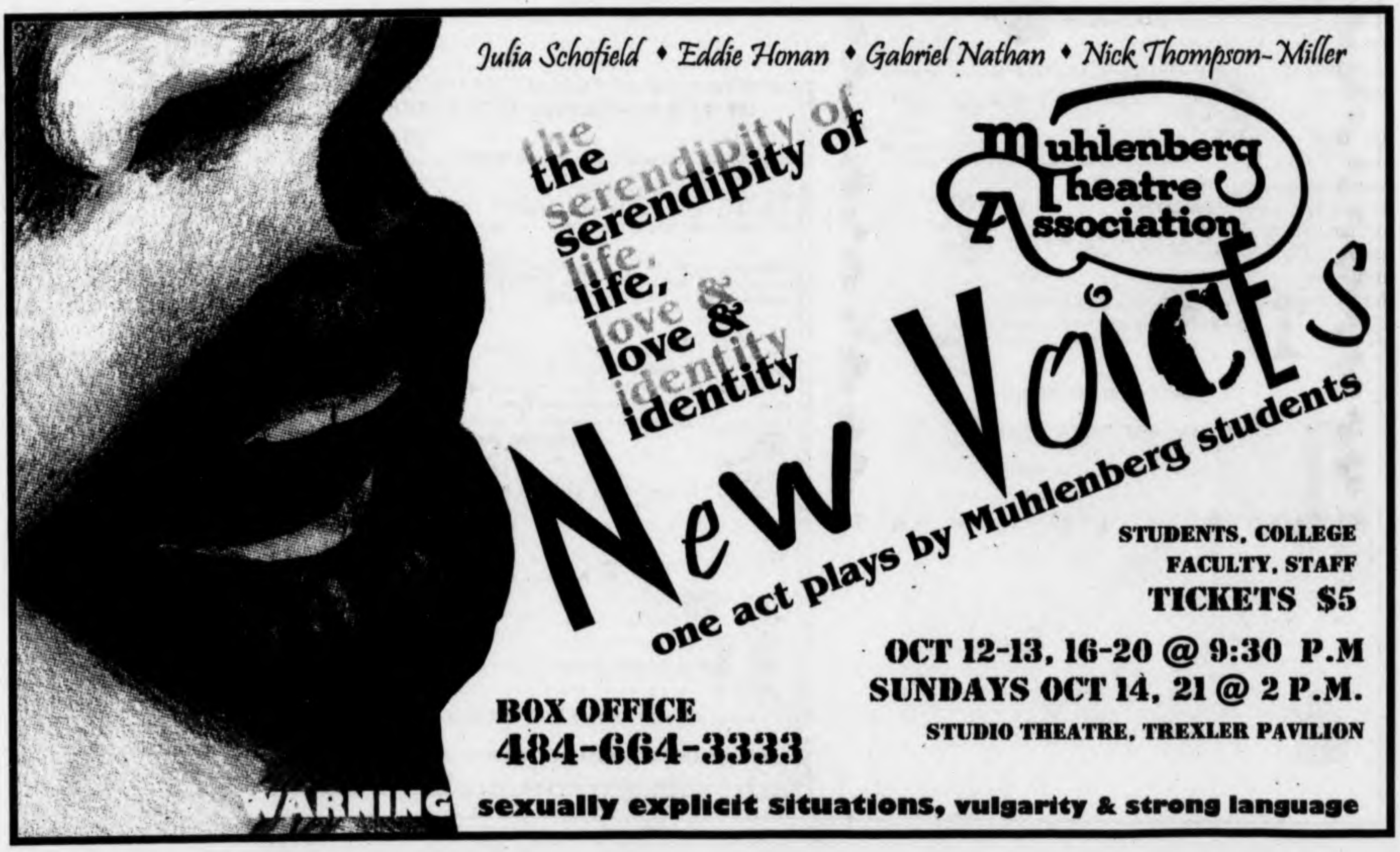
General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Don't Say a Word
Fri. and Sat.-1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40, 12:00; Sun.-1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Hearts in Atlantis
Fri. and Sat.-2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50, 12:00; Sun.-2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
Zoolander
Fri. and Sat.-2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Glitter
Fri. and Sat.-4:20, 9:20; Sun.-4:20, 9:20
Hardball
Fri. and Sat.-1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Jeepers Creepers
Fri. and Sat.-2:15, 7:15, 12:00; Sun.-2:!5, 7:15
American Pie 2
Fri. and Sat.-1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10, 12:00; Sun.-1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10
The Others
Fri. and Sat.-2:00, 4:30, 9:10, 12:00; Sun.-2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45
Rush Hour 2
Fri. and Sat.-2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55; Sun.-2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55
Serendipity (sneak preview)
Fri. and Sat.-7:20
Neverending Story
Fri. and Sat.-12:00
Rocky Horror Picture Show
Fri. and Sat.-12:00

FACTOIDS on FAITH

Fasting - abstaining from food as a spiritual discipline or exercise. In both Judaism and Christianity, fasting helps to concentrate the spirit on prayer and meditation, as well as reminding the believer that all life is dependent on God's bounty. In Judaism, *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, is the principal fast, while Roman Catholics traditionally have fasted on Fridays, in honor of Jesus' death on Good Friday.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Bernado leads offense with four touchdowns

Named Offensive Player of the Week

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Franklin and Marshall 17-0.

The Diplomats were unable to convert on their next drive and punted the ball back to the Mules. On the Mules next possession, Freshman Diplomat Jared Novak forced Jones to fumble the ball. Franklin and Marshall recovered the ball on the Mules 22-yard line. The Mules defense came up huge when Senior defensive tackle Ian Ximinies blocked a 38-yard field goal attempt on 4th and 8, which would have put the Diplomats on the board.

However, the stop was short lived as on the next possession Jones pass was intercepted by defensive back Jay Tressler who returned it 18 yards to the Mules 34-yard line.

This offensive possession resulted in F&M's only points of the game. On the first play of the drive, Sophomore running back Chris Richards rushed for 6 yards to the Mules 28. On second and four, Junior running back Chad Strothers rushed for seventeen yards bringing the ball to the Mules eleven. Ultimately, Maskon was unable to convert on third and nine and the Diplomats opted for a field goal. This time, Senior kicker Stephen Linebaugh converted on a 27 yard field goal attempt, making the score 17-3.

The Mules responded to the field goal with a touchdown of their own. The drive was setup by a 29-yard kickoff return by Mercuri. The drive culminated in five plays, 50 yards. The key play of the drive was a pass to Mercuri for 13 yards. This play set up a 25 yard touchdown run by Bernado, his third of the day. In the last 1:26 of the half, Jones and Makson exchanged two interceptions apiece, but neither the Diplomat's, nor the Mules offense was able to convert on these turnovers. The Mules went into the locker room leading 24-3.

Neither the Mules, nor the Diplomats were able to score in the third quarter. Although Josh Carter had a punt return of 60 yards towards the end of the quarter that gave the Mules good field position, they were unable to capitalize on the situation. In his only mistake of the game, Bernado fumbled the ball and the Diplomats recovered. The Mules defense held up strong on the next drive and the Diplomats were forced to punt the ball back to the Mules.

With the third quarter dwindling down, the Mules offense kicked back into gear. With the ball on the Mules 50, Bernado carried the ball two consecutive times and accumulated eighteen yards. On the next play, Jones then ran nine yards on the quarterback option to the Diplomat's 32-yard line to close out the third quarter. The Mules converted on third down when Bernado rushed for four yards. Carter was then given the ball, and he rushed for fifteen yards to Franklin and Marshall's goal line. Bernado then carried the ball into the end zone for his fourth and final touchdown of the game. This touchdown put the Mules up by 28, essentially putting the game away for the Mules.

The next touchdown of the game occurred when Senior tight end Michael Stankowitz caught a five-yard touchdown pass from Jones. Reed completed the extra point attempt, making the score 38-3. Jones said "It was a great team effort Everybody played well. Bernado was amazing. The offensive line was great. I didn't play as well as I could have. I threw a couple interceptions, but the rest of the offense helped me out." With the game under wrap, Coach Donnelly substituted Senior running back Kamali Roberts in for Bernado and Junior Matt Rieker for Jones. With 3:12 minutes left in the game, Roberts connected on a 24 yard pass from Rieker for the final touchdown of the day making the final score 45-3.

This Saturday, the Muhlenberg football team will face the Western Maryland Green Terror (3-1 overall, 2-0 conference) at Scotty Wood Stadium in a battle for first place in the Centennial Conference. Ximinies said, "While the offense had a couple problems, the defense is playing the best I can remember in my four years here. Doug Folger played well, as usual, but it was an all-around team effort. The game this Saturday against Western Maryland is going to be a dogfight. We will give them everything they can handle. No matter who wins the game, each team will be facing the toughest opponent they have faced this year."

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PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The defense is has limited the past two teams they have played against to scoring only one field goal.

Profile of Rowley

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there."

This year's soccer team looks terrific as well. Chris says, "This year's team of 28 players has a lot of spirit -- a lot of fighting spirit. This team may not be the biggest, strongest team ever, but we all play big." He went on to say, "We should be Centennial Conference champions and hopefully make the NCAA tournament." As of now, the Mules have a record of 5 and 1 and they're 5th in the region after coming off a big win against Gettysburg. The last time the Mules beat Gettysburg at Gettysburg was in 1995 when they went on to win the Centennial Conference.

There is another very big game this Saturday against Johns Hopkins, which has also been a big competitor for the Mules. Johns Hopkins is currently ranked 2nd in the mid-east region so this weekend's game is important for the Mules to win.

Chris Rowley is going to be truly missed after this season not only as a soccer player but also as a member of the Muhlenberg community. He is a person, who is committed, determined and motivated to achieve all of his lofty goals. He also says, "I am going to truly miss the guys on the team and everyone else that I have met."

There is no doubt he will go to med school and become a doctor. Rowley has all the attributes that make him someone to look up to. He is truly the definition of the scholar-athlete.

Scoreboard

Cross Country at NYU Invitational
Women's Team placed 10th

Men's team placed 18th.

Women's Soccer

Sat., Sept. 22 vs.
Johns Hopkins, 1-0

Men's Soccer

Sat., Sept. 22 vs.
Gettysburg, 1-0

Volleyball

Sat., Sept. 22 vs. Bryn Mar, 3-0
Sat., Sept. 22 vs. Western Maryland, 2-3

Field Hockey

Sat., Sept. 22 vs. Washington (MD), 0-1
Mon., Sept. 24 vs. Montclair State, 2-3

Men's Tennis

Sun., Sept. 23 vs.
Villanova, 1-6

Football

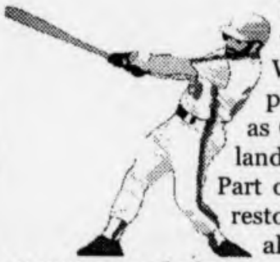
Sat., Sept. 22
vs. Franklin & Marshall, 45-3

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

NBA – 38 year old Michael Jordan comes back, again, after a three-year retirement to play for the Washington Wizards. Jordan retired for the second time in 1999 after leading the Bulls to their sixth title. He is expected to have slowed down considerably; but the five-time league MVP should help lead the Wizards to playoff contention this year. He will donate this year's entire salary to the relief agencies that are helping the victims of the World Trade Center and Washington attacks.

NFL – The Detroit Lions' Ty Detmer has succeeded in retaining his job as starting quarterback for another game. However, after last week's dismal performance against Cleveland, his position is no longer guaranteed. Week One starting quarterback was benched after being sacked seven times in the first game of their season against Green Bay. Detmer threw seven interceptions, coming within one interception of breaking the NFL record set back in 1950.



Les Otten and Tom Werner are two of the bidders for the Boston Red Sox. Werner -- a television producer and previous owner of the Padres -- as well as Otten, believe that there is no greater landmark in Boston than Fenway Park. Part of their bid is the plan to completely restore and upgrade the current stadium, also adding a new upper deck with 10,000 general admission seats.

Robert Allenby was very distraught with the happenings of the these past two weeks but was able to pull his concentration together and win the Pennsylvania Classic by a three-stroke victory over Larry Mize and Rocco Mediate, now 7-0 in his playoff career.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

The field hockey team lost 0-1 to Washington (MD) on Sat, Sept. 22. They scored a minute and a half into the first overtime to win a tightly contested Centennial Conference game. Muhlenberg (2-4, 0-2) suffered its fourth one-goal loss of the season.

On Monday, The Montclair State field hockey team scored three goals in the final seven minutes to stun Muhlenberg, 3-2, on a rainy Monday night at Scotty Wood Stadium. It was the fifth loss of the season for the Mules, all by one goal.

The Mules snapped their losing streak after coming back and beating Delaware Valley 4-1, on Tuesday. The Mules scored four unanswered goals after the Aggies took a 1-0 lead with 12:18 left in the half. Junior Laura Diez got the ball rolling with her first goal of the season at the 5:20 mark.

Bruschi's goal gave Muhlenberg the lead for good. The score was 2-1 for most of the second half, but the Mules put the game away late by scoring twice off of penalty corners 49 seconds apart. Junior Holly Pico and Stitzer both scored for the second straight game. Pico added an assist.

Women's Soccer beat Johns Hopkins 1-0 on Sat., Sept. 22. Freshman Rebecca Armstrong scored early in the first half off an assist from Sophomore Sharon Seggel for the only goal of the game as Muhlenberg (7-2, 2-0) defeated Johns Hopkins (5-1-1, 1-1-1) for its fifth straight victory in a matchup of two of the top CC contenders.

MUHLENBERG
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Men's Soccer defeated Muhlenberg Gettysburg 1-0 in overtime. Junior David Vassilaros scored off a penalty kick a little over six minutes into overtime as Muhlenberg (5-1, 2-0) defeated Gettysburg (6-2, 1-1) in a rematch of the 2000 ECAC Mid-Atlantic championship game, won by the Bullets. It was the Mules' third consecutive win.

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Volleyball team lost its seven match winning streak

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the final game of the day, but ultimately succumbed to Western Maryland by a fifth game score of 13-15. Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman said she believes the change in scoring had an impact on the outcome, but she doesn't think it "hurt the team enormously." Warmack-Chipman said that she and the Mules "anticipated them [Western Maryland] not being as good as they were." The Green Terror graduated a key Senior hitter last year but Junior Kate Wall, "really stepped up" according to Warmack-Chipman and has lead the Western Maryland team in kills, attempts, and digs.

Muhlenberg's all-time assist leader Laura Funsten once again led the team in assists, totaling 37 in the match and bringing her career total to 2,387. Ferrelli earned her second double double of the season amassing 22 digs and ten kills. Sophomore Maria Poluka just missed a double double of her own; collecting 17 digs and nine kills. Poluka also added five service aces to the Mules' effort. The Mules face local rival Moravian College this evening in Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m. The College would like to play strongly against the Greyhounds and secure the point in the Matte Contest for Muhlenberg. Moravian should prove to be excellent competition for the Mules, as the Greyhounds beat Western Maryland in three games in their head to head match. Coach Warmack-Chipman said, "Moravian is always good competition and this should be a really good match."

The Mules will look to improve their Conference record this Saturday as they face Johns Hopkins and Swarthmore at Hopkins. Over the course of the last five years, the Mules have finished between the two schools. Hopkins has made the Centennial Conference Tournament the past three years, finishing second overall last fall. Swarthmore on the other hand has struggled in the recent years and has finished close to the bottom of the Conference. Swarthmore is much improved this year according to Warmack-Chipman, but Hopkins is also looking strong. Warmack-Chipman says there are "six schools in the Conference competing for the top four spots."

The Mules are looking forward to the chance to make up the ground they lost falling to Western Maryland by defeating Johns Hopkins this weekend.

Profile of a Mule

Senior Chris Rowley wants to operate while playing soccer

By Calvin Tintle
Weekly Sports Writer

Determination is often said to be a key to success. Spirit is also a vital part to being successful. These two characteristics combined with confidence can lead to a wealth of achievements. Perseverance and having a, "fighting spirit" is also something that not only molds someone into being a good athlete but also makes someone successful in all realms of life. It is always important to surround yourself with successful people and those that want to be leaders, people that will work not only for themselves, but also for others, and in this case, teammates.

Someone that has assumed the role of leader and has adhered to the Muhlenberg soccer motto of "Nil Satis Nisi Optimum," which means, "only the best will satisfy" is Senior Chris Rowley. He has been a member of the men's soccer team for four years and a letter winner for the last three. He plays as striker and puts, as he says, "high defensive pressure," on the opposing team. While at a game Rowley is the player that tends to be all over the field not only making an impact defensively, but also offensively.

Taking up the game at the age of 7 in his hometown of Reading, Pennsylvania, with his dad being his strongest motivational and influential force, Chris believes that he must have inherited a lot from his father because they are as he says, "mirror images of each other." His father, who knew very little about the game, adapted to his sons interests; he went out and bought books to try to understand the game. Chris describes his dad as "brilliant." His father also became the man who shaped his son into not only a soccer player but also someone who is determined, competitive, filled with heart and love for whatever he wants to partake in. Chris said, "I am gung ho about whatever I do, whether it be on the soccer field or in my academics." With these things being instilled in him at an early age he gathered the things necessary for success.

In high school Chris was a renaissance athlete. Due to, as he says, "my strong competitive nature," he competed in three other sports as well as soccer, these being basketball, indoor track, and tennis.

The next step for this successful young man was college. Realizing the importance of a good education he came to Muhlenberg for its strong pre-med program, which is why he is studying biochemistry, and he also came because, "I had to play soccer." He knew that Muhlenberg was a dominant force in soccer and a team that was, as Chris says, "rich in tradition." He felt that this school would be a perfect fit.

While at Muhlenberg, he has been an intricate part of many prominent soccer teams. He has also been fortunate enough to travel with the team to England and Scotland and play club teams there like Crystal Palace and the Rangers. Chris said, "to play those teams was an amazing experience, and you really get a taste of the game when you play over

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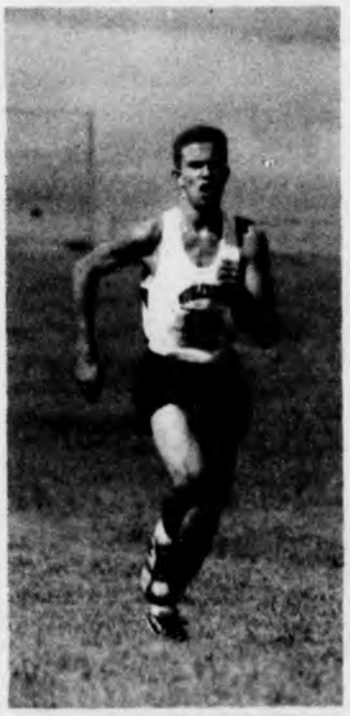

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ
Sophomore Brian Cash.

Cross Country prepares for Dickinson

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Freshman Jenna Belisonzi led the group which included Erica Norey, Brittani Gagnon, Diana Garretto, Steph Melka, and Gail Morris, who finished 65th, 73rd, 90th, 100th, 103rd, and 118th respectively.

Garrett shared, "Van Cortland is one of the toughest courses on the East Coast." Despite its reputation, some athletes were looking forward to coming to a course that they had raced on in high school. But for New Yorker Steph Melka, the race and the course had much more significance. Not only did the Invitational mark her reentry into racing after having spent last week resting an injury, but it also allowed her to think about a close friend and high school teammate whose father tragically perished in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. "It was definitely hard to come home," she said. With relation to racing, Melka stated "I wanted to hit particular times, which I did."

The resolve of cross-country teams will again be tested on Saturday in the Dickinson Invitational. This marks the first time this season that all teams in the Centennial Conference will get together. There appears to be a certain confidence among the athletes that has yet to be seen this season. Much of the change in attitude may be due to the format of the Invitational. The men will be running a 5K and 8K, while the women will be running a 3K and 5K. Both squads will be split in half and will compete in the race that caters to their strengths. As Cash explained, "This type of race is great for Rich [Kipp] and I because, as middle distance runners, our abilities are best suited for a 5K race. And I am confident we can be the two top runners in the 5K at Dickinson."

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ
The men's cross team will race against all its CC rivals at the Dickinson Invitational this weekend.

Saturday Home Games

Football vs. Western Maryland at 1:00

Field Hockey vs. Western Maryland at 5:00

Men's Soccer vs. Johns Hopkins at 7:00

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SPORTS

Football teaches the Diplomats new lessons in international relations

By Michael billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules crushed the Diplomats 48 to 3 this past Saturday. The Mules (3-1 overall, 2-0 conference) traveled to Sponaugle-Williamson Stadium in Lancaster, PA to face the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats (0-2 overall, 1-3 conference). This was the first time since 1968 that the Mules have scored over 40 points two games in a row. Last week, the Mules defeated Dickinson 47-3.

The star player on offense was Sophomore running back Matt Bernado, who was also named Offensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference. Bernado scored four touchdowns, tying his own school record for most touchdowns in a game. In only his 14th game, Bernado scored his 25th career-rushing touchdown, tying the school record set by Marty Binder in 1940's. Bernado also became the 20th player in team history to run for more than 1,000 yards in his career.

Although All American Josh Carter was held without a reception, he set a school record with 154 yards on eight punt returns. Carter only needs 23 yards to break the all-time Division III record. Doug Folger led the defense with eight tackles.

To start the game, the Mules kicked the ball off to the Diplomats. On the first play of scrimmage, Senior cornerback Sergio Masvidal intercepted a pass thrown by Franklin and Marshall's quarterback Dave Makson and returned it two yards to F&M's 43 yard line. Eight plays later, the Mules converted the interception into a touchdown. Bernado carried the ball six times on the opening drive accumulating 38 of the total 43 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown run. Junior Chris Reed kicked the extra point, making the score 7-0.

Towards the end of the first quarter, the Diplomat's Mark Rowand punted the ball 36 yards to Franklin and Marshall's 39-yard line. Carter returned the punt 27 yards to the Diplomat's 12-yard line. To end the first quarter, the Mules called three consecutive rushing plays, but F&M's defense held strong and forced the Mules to kick a field goal to start the second quarter. The field goal put the Mules up 10-0.

After the ensuing kickoff, F&M was unable to get any drive going. They then punted the ball out of bounds to keep the ball away from Carter. The Mules started their drive from their own 39-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Bernado had an amazing run, rushing for 41 yards to Franklin and Marshall's 20-yard line. On the next play, Bernado was once again given the ball and he rushed for ten more yards. On first and goal, Junior quarterback Justin Jones completed a pass to Junior wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri to put the Mules on the Diplomat's goal line. From the one-yard line, Bernado inched into the end zone to score his second touchdown of the day. The Mules now led

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Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior All American Josh Carter returned a punt for 60 yards against Franklin and Marshall.

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Volleyball defeats Bryn Mawr in three straight games

By Sarah niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The volleyball team saw its seven-match winning streak come to an end on Saturday as the Mules fell to Centennial Conference rival, Western Maryland. The Mules began their day strongly as they defeated hosting college Bryn Mawr in three straight games. The team then played an extremely close match against the Western Maryland Green Terror before losing in the fifth and deciding game by the score of 13-15.

The Mules entered Saturday's play at Bryn Mawr College carrying not only a six-match winning streak, but also a seventeen consecutive game winning streak. The Mules increased that winning streak to seven matches and twenty games by sweeping Bryn Mawr in the first match of the day. Mawrters scored 18 points in the first of the three games, but the Mules tightened their defense in the next two games limiting Bryn Mawr to just 12 and 10 points respectively in the final games.

Senior co-captain Laura Funsten once again led the Mules in assists with 29, while Junior co-captain Dana Ferrelli tallied 11 kills for the College. Junior Lisa Giammalvo added seven kills in only 11 attempts. Other statistical leaders included Jennifer Leigh with 11 digs, Kate Woodruff with four aces and Meghan Billie with four blocks. Leigh also set a school record with 11 service aces in the match.

Following the Bryn Mawr match, the Mules went on to face Conference rival Western Maryland. The Mules fell behind the Green Terror losing the first two games of the match by scores of 24-30 and 23-30. However, the team rallied and won the next two games 31-29 and 30-20 forcing a fifth game. Prior to this year, all volleyball matches in the Conference were played to 15 points and only the serving team could score. However, this year the winning score has been upped to 30 and rally scoring is being used. The fifth and deciding game of a match, however, is played only to 15 points as opposed to the customary 30.

The Mules fought hard in

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Cross Country travels to NYC

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

Last Saturday's NYU Invitational in New York City's Van Cortland Park was no ordinary race for the Cross Country team. Both the men's and women's squads were faced with sets of challenges that were handled with poise, confidence and top twenty finishes.

One of these challenges was a field packed with more than three hundred runners and thirty-four teams; the men didn't get overwhelmed and placed a very respectable 18th overall. The Mules were led again by Junior Tri Captain Brendan Gallagher, whose 33rd place finish indicated that his week off from competition was not detrimental to a, so far, wonderful season. After having filled in for Gallagher as the team's number one runner two weeks ago, Sophomore Rob Uniskiewicz returned to the number two position and finished 68th. Sophomore Brian Cash's 118th finish led the team's pack that included Rich Kipp, Nate Horst, Robin Holden, and Michael Bonchonsky, who placed 130th, 134th, 160th and 165th respectively.

Cash's solid performance at the NYU Invitational may well have cemented his position as the team's third runner. "New York was the toughest course I have ever run," expressed Cash. However, other people felt this race was the first time he demonstrated his full potential. Gallagher stated that "Brian did really well and is starting to come around." Head Coach Linda Andrews commented that he "needs to be up there in order for us to compete well in the conference."

Led by Senior sensation Katie Garrett's 53rd place finish, the Mules placed 10th overall in a race that included thirty- one other schools. The women's squad again employed the pack technique.

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Faculty salaries on the rise

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

Tuition increases at Muhlenberg have been kept lower than at many other institutions in order to keep the financial aid budget from ballooning which has happened at some other colleges. The Board of Trustees gave the College permission to spend enough to increase salaries by 4.5 percent.

The College's average faculty salaries increased this year by half that number due to competing factors within the school's budget. Last year, faculty salaries in general were not as competitive as comparable institutions such as Franklin and Marshall, Lehigh, and Lafayette. The College anticipates it gave higher raises than competitors this year, but they won't know until March, when U.S. News releases its rankings for 2001. Our faculty's salaries were equal to Susquehanna and Ursinus, schools that have consistently ranked lower than Muhlenberg in "America's Best Colleges," a ranking system printed by U.S. News and World Report. According to U.S. News, the publication ranks colleges in order to help students choose a school. The publication collects data from The College Board, Peterson's, (a Thomson Learning company) and U.S. News & World Report.

The College must contemplate competing needs before allocating funds. College interests competing for revenue include programs for students, improvements to computer labs, science labs, and classrooms, residential services, salaries, and finan-

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Counting Crows

Lead singer Adam Duritz sang last Sunday at the sold out concert in Memorial Hall.

Photo by Scott Schwartz

Student jailed after attack at TGI Friday's

By Matt Meyers
Assistant News Editor

A Muhlenberg College student slashed the throat of a T.G.I. Friday's patron last Saturday night. Michael J. Rossmell, a junior, began what police described as "some sort of staring match," with Martin Diaz of Bethlehem, PA, according to The Morning Call's police report.

As Diaz was leaving the restaurant, Rossmell allegedly used a steak knife to stab Diaz's neck. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Allentown police responded.

Police called the extent of the injury as "moderate". An EMS crew arrived on the

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Jefferson Elementary test scores below state average

College's continuing partnership with distressed school

By Lauri Carbone and Rebecca Haviland
Weekly News Writers

Allentown School District's composite scores over the past several years have been deemed exceptionally below the state average on not only the PSSA exams, but also the SAT, ACT, PSAT, and AP exams. The Allentown City School District has been given three years to increase its performance before a state board of control is sent to assume control of the operation of the district. This will occur if substantial improvement to stadardized test scores is not made.

Of the thirteen elementary schools that belong to the district, Jefferson's scores rank in the bottom half.

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests are administered annually to students in fifth, eighth, and eleventh grades across the state of Pennsylvania as a means of monitoring the state's academic performance.

According to the Standard and Poors Evaluation Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has identified the district, one of the state's largest, as an "empowerment district" under the State's Empowerment Act of 2000 on the basis of the consistently poor performance on the aforementioned exams. Empowerment districts are expected to devise a three-year plan in order to improve performance on these exams with the help of an empowerment team. In addition to poor standardized test scores, the Allentown City School District has a number of other factors working against it, namely having one of the largest proportions of economically disadvantaged households in the state and one of the highest proportions of single parent households.

The nature of the long standing partnership between Jefferson Elementary and the College has changed this year to meet the increasing academic challenge of raising the students' scores in the coming years. The College has been working with Jefferson students for eleven years now, after developing an initial relationship when a Muhlenberg alumnus became the principal of the school. Over the course of the years, the program has expanded to include a variety of activities, including tutoring in reading and math, arts and crafts, the Golden Stallion program for exceptional students, and Jefferson Field Day.

The implementation of the empowerment plan has lead

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Thoughts from the home front

Last week marked the month anniversary of the nation's worst terrorist attack yet, which is now plainly referred to as the tragedy of September 11th. The shock has now subsided, and yet the public's altruistic tendencies have yet to cease. Philanthropy has suddenly established itself as a fundamental American value. Donations, fundraising, volunteering -- the American people have suddenly evolved into a nation-wide family.

Similarly, over the past month, the Muhlenberg College has helped both its community and the community at large. One such example of the aforementioned is the Remembrance Walk, which took place this past Sunday, October 14, 2001. This event was designed to remember three Muhlenberg alumni that passed away in the World Trade Center attacks.

Sadly, over seventy people attended this event this past Sunday afternoon. Why was the attendance so surprisingly low? Were there a number of midterms on Monday? Was there some other event occurring at the same time? Plainly put, there is no excuse. The Muhlenberg community had a responsibility to support this crucial event. However, on the other hand, those that did participate in the walk should be accredited. Among those there, were the Cross Country team, Cardinal Key Society, and Delta Zeta sorority.

In the future, more support should be given. Our country is in a time of crisis. Everything we, the community, can do should be done. It is not a question of whether to jump. This question is: "how high?"

Muhlenberg College presents

Dave Pallone

"Who's Really on First"

Wednesday, October 24
7:30 p.m.
Moyer Forum

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- **Made history in 1995, along with Martina Navratilova, as the first person in pro sports to openly admit to being gay.**
- **Author of bestselling Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball.**

Biological warfare: the invisible threat

Stephen R. Hoppe
Weekly Guest Columnist

Biological warfare has plagued mankind since the Age of Imperialism, the first reported case occurring in 1346 in the Black Sea port of Kaffa. Attackers sieged the port and released rats that were carrying the plague; the defenders counterattacked by catapulting the bodies of the victims back toward the attackers. The attackers contracted the plague and retreated from the port of Kaffa.

This example illustrates one of the key elements of biowarfare--a counterattack. The trouble with many biological war weapons is that they can come back to harm those who release them. This is one of the reasons that biowarfare has not been used extensively in modern wars, even though we have the ability to use it. Especially in today's world, where international travel is frequent and quick, and an infected person could board a plane in the U.S. and be in Europe before he even knew that he had a biowarfare disease, thus spreading the disease to new locales.

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While there are many biowarfare agents, recent news has turned our attention to anthrax. Anthrax is caused by the bacterium, Bacillus anthrascis. Inhalation of its spores released by aerosol is the most likely form of the disease when used in biowarfare. Symptoms of anthrax usually occur about seven days after exposure to the bacterium. The disease is usually fatal, and it is contracted by inhaling a median dose of about 10,000 spores. The spores enter the body by being absorbed by macrophages in the lungs; they are then transported to the tracheobronchial lymph nodes, where they begin replication within 24 hours. The spores remain viable in the lungs for about 100 days. Symptoms of anthrax often resemble those of influenza.

Luckily, anthrax is not contagious between infected and non-infected people. It is important to keep in mind that this form of the disease is very rare in the United States, and only 18 such cases were reported between 1900 and 1980.

Anthrax does, however, have a vaccine. It must be administered by three injections, each two weeks apart, and three additional injections at six, twelve, and eighteen months. Annual booster injections are also recommended. Anthrax can also be treated with antibiotics after exposure, but must be done so soon. Currently, military personnel are required to be immunized through the "Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program". The military believes that through this program, it can keep their personnel safe from a biowarfare attack involving anthrax.

Many different countries, including Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States weaponized anthrax during the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. Also, Iraq was found to have weaponized anthrax in 1995 during a UN inspection, so the threat of Anthrax has not yet been eliminated. But should we fear for an anthrax outbreak without warning? Probably not, for while a release would not be immediately detected, most of the affected persons would show signs within a week, and the necessary precautions could be taken to ensure that it would not spread. However, in these days of fear, should we not be as passive as we once were? We should realize that there is a threat. With proper government policing and military actions, though, the chance of a biowarfare attack is quite small.

Economic recession threatens United States

Jeff Morro & Evan Halperin
Weekly Guest Columnists

Regardless of the event of September 11, 2001, the . economy is tumbling US headlong into recession. While it is obvious that the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center did not help the economic climate of America, there is clearly not a causal relationship. Even on September 10th, most economic forecasters would agree that economically America was heading for stormy waters. The first indications of market slowdown in the summer were met swiftly with interest rate cuts and warnings by the federal government to increase the amount of average household savings. These were all measures to help ease the burden of an upcoming recession for the average American. America ranks near the bottom in key economic statistics like: the percentage of income saved/household, and even more importantly, average household debt.

Due to the combination of a gloomy economic horizon and the tragic events of September 11, Americans are now forced to re-evaluate their economic positions. All of the recent factors have forced Americans to stop reaching so deeply into their pockets. While it is way too early to tell whether or not Americans truly are saving, the message is clear: things are going to change. The nation nearly lost a year's worth of economic growth and now we must seriously look at our situation to begin to rectify it.

The simple truth is that, despite the fact that our nation has enjoyed one of its most prosperous times in recent memory, Americans have not been wisely saving the excess money that is being generated. Consumerism has taken the nation by storm and image is everything in the year 2001. People have been living above their means for years now, playing with proverbial house money, and now the bottom is in danger of falling out. Predicting the incoming customer crunch, producers in all major industries are doing everything it their power to promote an economic resurgence.

In a split second, the economic strategy of the average American Joe switched from spend, spend, spend, to save, save, save. Leading economists recommend that all Americans have a reserve savings of at least three months in order to protect against economic uncertainty. Three months worth is an unheard of amount of money in households that can barely

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Post-September 11th America:

the nation hesitantly moves on together, now more aware

Rachel Kleiner

Weekly Guest Columnist

Looking back on the events of September 11th, it is clear that the lives of all Americans have taken a dramatic turn. Before the tragedies that occurred at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the country could cling to the notion that "it could never happen to us," but the country has realized that the atmosphere has completely changed. The question is not about whether or not the country will persevere, because one way or another it will. The question is will our lives and the lives of our children ever be the same? Will time forever be divided into pre-September 11th and post-September 11th?

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Every day people are getting on airplanes and flying once again, and I wonder if I will ever be able to do that. For now, I am staying as close to the ground as possible, and there must be others who feel the same sentiment. Those individuals who are proud to be Americans but are afraid to return to their normal lives have nothing to be ashamed of. It is easy to think that we have the "old" America back when watching President Bush give a patriotic speech at the White House. Maybe this façade is merely hiding a nation full of broken spirits and shattered dreams. This is not to say that all citizens are not doing the best they can, but fear runs rampant. A mere rumor is enough to have people running to get gas masks, while others are barricaded inside their homes.

Most Americans are claiming that the terrorists have not won, and indeed, they haven't. This country has come together like never before in order to help our fellow men, but that does not mean the terrorists have not affected our lives immensely. How can the country go back to work and to school when cases of anthrax are confirmed and the lines to get on a plane are now twice as long? Every aspect of our lives reminds us of what has happened and even so, no one can come to grips with the long-term effects.

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Those of us in college have had to deal with this disaster without the comfort of our families. It was only three weeks into the school year when we were thrust into a situation no one could have predicted in his or her wildest dreams. To my great surprise and relief, a hug and a hand to hold were not hard to come by. The truth is that our lives may never be the same again, and that is something we must come to terms with in order to move on. To make it through these hardships there is one reality to cling to. The past month has made clear that there will always be someone to turn to in times of need and a glimmer

Patriotism at its best: how long will it last?

Lucas Tomanelli

Weekly Columnist

Before the attacks that took place on September 11th, the American flag was something that we took for granted. In the mornings we would rise, shower, prepare for another day and swiftly walk out the door, unaware of what was to come. As the American flag waved in the winds of the Lehigh Valley in front of the Haas Building, we here at Muhlenberg, as well as a good many of those around the country, lived our lives as if it was any other day, until September 11th, 2001 -- when we realized that it a day like no other.

It has been a little over five weeks since the world witnessed the most horrific act of terror to take place in recent memory, and since then there has been such a high demand for American flags. As a result, the companies that produce them can't possibly keep up with the rate at which they're being requested. Two weeks ago, as I drove northbound on the Garden State Parkway towards my home in Conn., I saw so many American flags hanging from the overpass roads that the sensitivity I rarely ever admit to possessing finally showed its face. Now, as we traverse the greens of the Muhlenberg campus, we are witness to hundreds of smaller flags as they line the lawn in front of the Hass building, as well as the hundreds of thousands of other flags that now occupy spots in car windows, houses, and every other type of physical structure across the nation.

To say that Americans are making an effort to heal through rediscovering our ties to patriotism would be a complete understatement. The display of thousands of flags, banners, pins, "I Love America" t-shirts and other tokens of affection towards our American roots is something that we should be incredibly proud of. Moreover, I'm confident in saying that the presence of the American flag will be just as strong among the American people in six months, or maybe even a year, as it is now. However, I can't help but consider the fact that before the tragic events of September 11th, the presence of our nation's flag was incredibly scarce, and now I find myself worried at the thought of some people actually taking down their reds, whites and blues when they feel that enough time has passed.

The fact that our nation is showing such a high level of patriotism is nothing short of fantastic, but the real test of our patriotism and love-of-America doesn't lie in how quickly we raise our flag in times of tragedy, but rather, in what we chose to do with the flag once the government feels that our mission is accomplished. If the thousands of stickers, decals, magnets, pins and miniature American flags are taken down once we feel that all threats extinguished, then we have failed the test of patriotism. The flags need to stay up, the pins need to stay above our hearts, the decals need to remain on our windows, and the flame of eternal patriotism must continue to burn within our hearts.

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manage to survive from week to week. Look in your driveway. Is there a $75,000 Jaguar, where a Toyota Camry would prove to be a more conservative and economical suggestion? Signs of prestige and luxury in the face of simple effectiveness are prominently displayed in homes, driveways, and garages everywhere in America. Just take a gander at the East parking lot where there are more Beemers than the Autobahn.

We are not saying that these people will even be effected by this minor economic strife, but there will come a time when surplus spending, debt, and poor investment decisions will come back to haunt all of us. Nothing is larger than uncertainty, and, as we have all witnessed last month, one moment can change the entire mindset of a nation.

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Weekly Discourse: The value of alternative medicine

Should insurance companies cover their costs?

Lindsay Bramson

Weekly Guest Columnist

In recent years, an infuriating trend in insurance coverage has become apparent. Each year, insurance premiums rise, yet the list of services covered under a policy decline. One of the many services that have been removed from the list of benefits is alternative medicine, which ranges from chiropractic care to oxygen therapy and acupuncture. This decline in coverage, however, is unjust and opposes one of the pillars of this country: freedom of choice.

The rise in the use of alternative forms of medicine in the United States has become apparent. Unfortunately, alternative medicine, which opens up a new spectrum of healthcare options to patients, is not covered by many insurance companies. However, this decision is illogical and unfair to those who pay overwhelming amounts of money for insurance coverage. The limitations set forth by the insurance companies inhibit a patient's freedom of choice. Instead of a patient choosing which doctor or what type of doctor he/she wishes to see, an insurance company provides a rapidly decreasing list of accepted healthcare options. Frustratingly, a patient is paying more to his or her insurance company for fewer choices regarding healthcare.

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The recent trend in coverage declination may lead one to believe that insurance companies are limiting patient's options solely due to cost effectiveness and the chance to save money. This, however, is not always the case. Chiropractic care, for example, is an alternative for many people who suffer from back ailments such as herniated discs, sciatica and other problems. It helps patients avoid surgery and harmful side effects that drugs can have. Not only does it help the patient physically, but it is also more cost effective than back surgery or epidurals. The benefits of chiropractic care, along with its cost effectiveness, do not stop the insurance companies from withdrawing it as a covered service for patients.

However, what this leads one to wonder is who makes the decisions regarding coverage and by what means do they define what is conventional and acceptable medical treatment for their subscribers? Unfortunately, these questions are still hotly debated, with few answers being provided. If the foundation of the United States is built on freedom and options, it is unjust for a small company of people to decide the healthcare of millions.

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Weekly Guest Columnist

Insurance companies should not cover the cost of alternative medicine. In my eyes, this is a clear argument. The importance and validity of modern, conventional medicine is not and should not be questioned. Therefore, insurance companies cover the cost of medical procedures when a patient is in need of medical attention. While I cannot say that there is no validity in alternative methods simply because some research shows their benefits, there is no concrete evidence that it is indeed beneficial to actual medical problems.

In my opinion, alternative medicine can be therapeutic but not remedial. If one partakes in alternative medicine, that is his or her own personal decision and not at the request of the doctor. It should be used as a secondary approach to wellness, not an initiative approach. For the most part, the administrators of alternative medicine do not have doctorate degrees or any kind of specialized education for their field. Sometimes, only a certificate is needed in order to qualified to give the care. This assumes that this kind of practice is not necessarily properly researched.

Modern medicine is the answer to most medicial problems and should be sought out before any other means. If insurance companies should decide to cover the costs of alternative medicine, the patients may overlook modern medicine. The curiousity and inexpensiveness in alternative medicine could supercede proper care of the patient. Alternative medicine has achieved some sort of 'hip-ness' in our highly commercial society. Many people have turned their backs on alternative medicine and its progression with this new intrigue in it. Are they denying themselves a faster recovery and better analysis of their situation consequently? I believe so.

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If insurance companies condone alternative medicine as a valid and successful practice, the health of the nation and the interests of the patients could be taken for granted. More funding would be put into these alternative medicines and taken away from the progression of modern medicine. Modern medicine is what has allowed our society to function the way it does today. Finally, alternative medicine is a personal decision and a secondary approach to healing, while modern medicine is a concrete, valid method. Insurance companies should not cover the costs of alternative medicine because of the lack of concrete evidence that verifies that it is a successful means of recovery. There is no question that modern medicine supercedes alternative medicine. If the patient decides to partake in alternative medicine in combination or separation from modern medicine, then the costs of it should come out of

Cheryl Wortzel

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Today's culture seems increasingly pre-occupied with finding the newest, best, most innovative methods to cure illness, and in many cases it looks for instant gratification. Alternative medicine, becoming more and more widely used, is medical treatment without the use of any type of pharmaceuticals. Under many circumstances, alternative treatments can unquestionably fall under the category of treatment covered by medical insurance companies. Alternative medicine is often referred to as complimentary medicine because it compliments more mainstream or accepted methods of treatment. The problem with the field of alternative medicine being paid for by insurance, however, is that the term covers such a wide range of techniques, treatments and therapies, and commonly is very loosely regulated. A patient must approach the subject with extreme caution and perhaps some skepticism, in order to avoid becoming involved with a dangerous, untested or unapproved methods of treatment.

Many alternative techniques, such as acupuncture or chiropractics, have been accepted and used widely for many years to treat a variety of illnesses. It is very common today to use the aforementioned methods to alleviate such health problems as headaches and muscular-skeletal or rheumatic pain, as well as treatment in the field of sports medicine. In these cases, it is very conceivable and logical for medical insurance companies to cover the cost of treatment. However, they must be wary, due to the large amount of unapproved, "faddish", seemingly attractive methods of treatment advertised in pop-culture.

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As long as the patient goes about the task of choosing an alternative treatment method cautiously and uses only those that are reputable, tested, and proven, the field can be a very promising "alternative" to medical doctors, and can justifiably be covered by insurance. At this point in the evolution of the field however, it is understandable that the companies cover the alternative methods on such circumstantial terms. As the field develops, it will hopefully have to adhere to more and stricter regulations, which will cause it to be covered more easily by insurance companies, and with any luck, add a new, affordable approach to treatment that may solve many long-suffering people's problems.

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Awards yield active interest in academia

The postgraduate honors program proves successful

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

Last spring, Adrienne Zitka, '02, won a government sponsored Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The U.S. Congress founded the Morris K. Udall Foundation in 1992. The Foundation honors Udall's 30 years of service to the House of Representatives. The one-year scholarships of up to $5,000 is awarded to 80 students.

Zitka was recommended for the scholarship by Dr. Jack Gambino and Dr. Chris Borick, both Professors in the Political Science department. Dr. Borick is the Udall Award Advisor for the Post Graduate Honors Program, which Dean Carol Shiner Wilson developed three years ago. "I went into the President's office and I said to him we have some very, very bright students," said Dean Wilson. "We have dedicated faculty who could work with those students. I believe that Muhlenberg College students can be, with preparation and grit, competitive for national and international awards."

Adrienne Zitka, recipiant of a Udall Scholarship.

Photo by Scott Schwartz

The Truman, the Fulbright and the Udall are a few of the prestigious awards that have been applied for and awarded to Muhlenberg students, as in Zitka's case, since the program was established.

"Adrienne was an outstanding candidate of this position for a number of reasons," said Dr. Borick. "First she has outstanding academic credentials. Second she has been very active with both Muhlenberg and the greater community in trying to protect the environment."

"I found out in April that I won the scholarship I was in shock at first," said Zitka. "Definitely disbelief for the first two weeks or so."

Dr. Borick, on the otherhand, was not the least bit surprised. "Adrienne put together an outstanding application that matched her great credentials. From my perspective she is exactly the kind of student that deserves an honor such as this."

As part of the scholarship, the students were obligated to attend the Udall Scholarship Orientation in August in Tuscon, Arizona.

As an Environmental Policy major, Zitka found the retreat extremely beneficial. "I had the chance to network people out there and discuss the field," she said.

Student arrested at local restaurant, trial pends

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scene and immediately took Diaz to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Rossmell, a member of the College's varsity basketball team, was arraigned before District Justice Carl Balliet and was subsequently sent to the Lehigh Valley Prison. He was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another, 2 counts of terrorist threats, disorderly conduct, and possessing an instrument of crime.

Campus Safety Director, Ken Lupole, stated Tuesday: "We responded to the incident in order to back-up the Allentown Police Department, however it is their case, we only know what we have learned from them."

Rossmell's bail was set at $50,000.

Faculty wages on the rise

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cial aid.

Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty, stressed the difficulty of balancing several important and competing priorities within the College's budget. Dretsch said salaries are "terribly important" to the College, as well as financial aid, which is the single biggest budget item.

President Arthur Taylor decided to spend as much as possible on increasing the average salary, according to Dretsch.

The College aims to offer competitive salaries, but the idea that the "best institutions have the highest salaries", which is debatable "puts pressure on the institution," Dretsch said. In order to increase funds, the College increases tuition. The Development office raises funds anywhere from $1,000 to $1 million each month from alumni and the College's friends, and the Evening College generates a positive cash flow.

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Mayoral candidates to engage in public debate

By Laura Wiesner
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"Not many students know what's going on in Allentown," said Brian Bentzen, a student council member. To address this problem, the candidates in the Allentown mayoral race, Bob Lovett and Roy Afflerbach, will speak to an open forum on Thursday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. in Moyer Hall.

Afflerbach and Lovett will discuss five questions prepared and presubmitted by Bentzen and the student council.

The questions encompass issues that have caused friction between the College and the city government and broader concerns about the future of the city: campus neighborhood parking, zoning, crime, drugs and downtown development.

Most familiar in recent years has been the friction produced by student parking on neighborhood streets, spurred by new, rigorously enforced on-campus parking regulations.

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>
> Roy Afflerbach

As per the request of the administration at the College, zoning issues will also be a topic of concern in the forum. As the College expands, zoning in the city has become important to where our building may occur.

As an institute of higher learning, the College involves itself in education inside and outside of campus boundaries. "The Allentown School District is on Pennsylvania's distressed schools list," explained Bentzen. Reducing crime and drugs in Allentown is a topic of concern that will be discussed by Afflerbach and Lovett as well. Making the streets safer is important for any college campus and city. Development of the downtown area of Allentown would increase internship and job opportunities for students, so candidates have been asked to speak about such development also.

Both Roy Afflerbach and Bob Lovett are farmiliar with the College. The candidates have had experiences with the College in their years as students. As an alumnus of Ursinus, Lovett had grown familiar with Muhlenberg while visiting several times for conferences and other events at college 45 years ago. Afflerbach was an evening student at Muhlenberg in the late 60's. He has also worked with the school previously on financial aid issues.

Both candidates have an even more extensive background with Allentown. Afflerbach has resided in Allentown for over 25 years, and he was born in Allentown. Though originally from Norristown, Lovett has lived in Allentown for 26 years. "I married my wife in the Salem Church on Chew Street," commented Lovett.

The two candidates differ in their political experience. Lovett never ran for office before. He has worked as a manager for Exxon and Air Products for 40 years. "When I looked at Allentown's problems, I realized they were all managerial and leadership [problems]," stated Lovett. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry, which is uncommon for a political candidate. Afflerbach was a senior aide in the State Senate, an elected member of the Senate for 12 years, and an elected member

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Beyond Jefferson Field Day: solving problems and meeting needs

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Muhlenberg's Community Service Office, under the direction of Valerie Lane, to work with the Jefferson Administration in order to adapt the existing partnership to meet the demands of the next three years and beyond. "We've changed our program to meet the needs of the students," Lane said, going on to add that the plan requires the standardization of the curriculum to the point that "on any given day, second graders across the district are doing the exact same things." This standardization of the curriculum has added some difficulty in planning partnership events as these represent a deviation from the norm, but also allows activities to incorporate academics into the arts.

The goal of the College's involvement in this program is to reinforce the new academic policies and behavioral code of conduct by rewarding the children with special activities with the College's volunteers.

The diverse array of activities is designed to target specific weaknesses the children might encounter in their education, such as written and verbal communication.

The program is run under the coordinating efforts of Theresa Leinker '02, an intern in Muhlenberg's Office of Community Service. Leinker feels that "the program has been great for the kids. We see the same elementary kids coming back each year."

Leinker added, "The volunteers have been great." Jefferson Elementary Vice Principal Tracy Kleinschuster also has a great deal of confidence in the program, stated that "I could go on and on about our programs. Muhlenberg really does a lot for our kids here. They feel very bonded with the College."

The College has focused on expanding its program to incorporate schools other than Jefferson in order to reach out to the other schools in the district through activities such as America Reads tutoring and the Casa Guadelupe.

Story Time: Two Jefferson Elementary students share popcorn.

Photo by Tom Amico

Jefferson volunteer Lori D'Orazio, '03, shows some spirit in the classroom.

Photo by Tom Amico

A Jefferson volunteer reads to his attentive audience (below).

Photo by Tom Amico

Woodrow Wilson Fellow visits from the California Coalition for Rural Housing

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly Staff Writer

Robert Wiener, a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow stressed to an audience in Moyer Hall that we must organize ourselves to provide adequate housing in our nation.

He spoke on Monday at the College about the steps our country has taken to remedy the housing situation. He focused on areas which he felt need further investigation and assistance. One area was the availability of affordable housing in America.

A major reason Wiener is invested in providing housing is because he lived in public housing when he was young.

Although most of Wiener's discussion focused on housing situations nationwide, Wiener discussed Pennsylvania, specifically the Allentown area, to put his ideas into a local perspective. In Pennsylvania, he said a person would have to earn $12.47 per hour to afford a two-bedroom, median cost apartment. Minimum wage for the state is only $5.25 per hour, so there is a large discrepancy. For the Allentown area, Wiener said rent is lower and income is higher compared to the state as a whole, but a person would still have to make $12.08 per hour to afford the same type of apartment.

Wiener highlighted the success of mutual self-help housing, which organizes eight to twelve low-income families who build a community together, saying that residents tend to remain in their houses longer than the average dweller. He also touched up on Habitat for Humanity, which he said focused more on individual homes rather than communities.

Wiener believes there is a place for both groups in the fight for affordable housing.

According to Wiener, the Housing Act is "the Bible for low-income housing advocates" because it states that every American should be able to have a decent place to live.

Wiener stressed it is essential that new affordable housing remains reasonably priced.

Wiener is the Director for the California Coalition for Rural Housing, which was formed in 1976 and is a nonprofit group encouraging affordable housing. He has a Ph.D. in Urban Planning, an MA in City and Regional Planning, and a BA in Geography.

According to Susan Leggett, Professor in the Communications department, the goal of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows, which is based in Princeton, New Jersey, is to encourage the flow of ideas between the academic and nonacademic worlds.

She believed Wiener offered "a perspective we wanted to bring to campus" and that "it was a nice dovetail" to the Hunger in the Midst of Plenty discussions, combining housing and poverty issues.

WTC remembrance continues with walk

Funds raised will contribute to memorial on campus

By Wendy Eichler and Michelle Quirk
Weekly Staff Writers

Over the past month the Muhlenberg community has come together to remember those lost and raise money for disaster relief.

A remembrance run and walk was held this past Sunday, October 14, to remember those from the Muhlenberg alumni that were lost in the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Sponsored by the Cardinal Key Society along with the Men's and Women's Track and Cross Country Teams, the run/walk was held in the Rose Garden, on Cedar Parkway at 2 p.m.

Participants were asked to contribute a $5 donation. The money collected at the event will be used to help fund a permanent memorial on the Muhlenberg campus following the theme of *Never Forget*.

Approximately 100 people took part, raising almost $700. Carey Hilton, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, said that the alumni memorial would "honor them and celebrate their lives."

The event received a very positive response from Muhlenberg community, students and faculty.

Alumnus Aaron Dorfman said, "It was good to see everyone here, on such a beautiful day." The run/walk was also open to members of the Allentown community as well as alumni of the College. Calvin Tintle '05, who won the race, said "It was a fun race with a good cause."

The families of the alumni members lost in the tragedy were contacted before the event took place and felt very honored that a remembrance run/walk was held in their honor.

The alumni members being remembered are Craig Lilore '94, Alan Merdinger '92, Philip Parker '69, and Davin Peterson '98.

The walk affected both alumni and students alike. A walker, Devon Segel '02, said that "I got to talk to some alumni and we discussed some views about what was going on, and ran a little harder because of it."

Hilton said, "We'd really like to make this an annual event."

In addition to the walk/run, three seniors Lauren Jolly, Kathy Tombasco and Jennie Vroman organized a fundraiser in cooperation with the Student Council to raise money for the Red Cross.

The money was to help with the disaster relief efforts taking place in New York City and in Washington D.C. in response to the tragedy of September 11, 2001. The fundraiser raised $1,450, which was sent to the Red Cross.

"We agreed that everyone we knew wished there was a way they could help, and so did we," said Jolly.

With the backing of the Student Council, Tombasco set up a table in Seeger's Union for a week. The fundraiser began the Friday after the all-campus ceremony and lasted until the following Friday. The students were given permission to set up a table at the Saturday football game as well.

"The church donated a Sunday's offering money to the Red Cross. It was amazing to see the College helping out so much," said Jolly.

The three seniors gave the money to the Red Cross under the auspices of "Muhlenberg College Students, Faculty, and Staff."

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 11 – Harassment – A non-student was harassing a student at 2216 Liberty Street.

Oct. 11 – Misplaced Auto – A student reported their automobile was stolen from the lot on 23rd & Gordon Streets, the car was later found in the Seeger's parking lot.

Oct. 12 – Mass Vandalism – 14 vehicles parked on Liberty Street had their mirrors smashed and the doors kicked in by a passerby. No thefts were reported.

Oct. 12 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm was triggered by burning food at 2235 Gordon Street.

Oct. 13 – Alcohol Violation – An underage student was holding a can of beer at the Sig Ep fraternity. After stating he was holding for someone else, he was escorted back to his dorm room. Upon arrival, 24 cans of beer were found in his room.

Oct. 13 – Alcohol Violation – An underage student was in possession of a can of beer at the Sig Ep fraternity house. He said that an alumnus had given it to him. The case is under investigation.

Oct. 13 – Harassment – A resident of Martin Luther received a phone call with a female voice crying on the other end.

Oct. 13 – Vehicle Violation – A faculty vehicle was parked illegally in the staff lot. Campus Safety moved the auto to another location.

Oct. 13 – Assault – A junior, Michael Rossmell, was arrested for aggravated assault after assaulting a man at T.G.I Fridays

Oct. 13 – Alcohol Violation – Five residents of Prosser Hall were in possession of alcohol. They were referred to the Dean's Office.

Oct. 14 – Vandalism – A neighbor living on Gordon Street complained of students using her backyard as a shortcut and damaging her shrubs. The students live on the 400 block of Leh Street.

Oct. 14 – Injured Visitor – A concertgoer became dehydrated and had to be given fluids.

OFF CAMPUS

Pennsylvania -- Suspicious envelopes arrived at eight Planned Parenthood locations in northeastern Pennsylvania Monday, and an organization spokeswoman said two of the letters, opened in Palmer Township and Stroudsburg, contained a white powder and caused a burning sensation. Planned Parenthood has been targeted in the past and went through an anthrax scare several years ago that had workers wearing gloves to open mail. She called the latest incidents "despicable".

Allentown -- A fire of undetermined origin damaged an Allentown row home Monday, displacing a man who lived there. The fire broke out at 539 N. 10th St. about 9:25 a.m., fire officials said. Neighbors reported seeing flames shooting out the rear of the three-story home, and there was extensive visible damage in the rear. The owner of the home, Roberto Souffont, 65, was not home at the time of the fire. No firefighters were injured, fire officials said.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 64 Low: 39	High: 67 Low: 37	High: 67 Low: 41

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Operation Enduring Freedom

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Marking the one month anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, President Bush addressed the nation. Bush stressed that Americans should get back to "normal," but the U.S. is still indanger of being attacked again.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

An assistant of NBC's Tom Brokaw opened a letter addressed to the anchorman which contained a white powder, later identified as anthrax.

Vice President Cheney stresses that Pennsylvania Avenue should be closed to automobiles indefinitely.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

A white powder was found in a letter addressed to a Microsoft executive, it was anthrax. Cheney responded to this by saying that "It is not unreasonable to suspect Osama bin Laden of being responsible for the current anthrax-by-mail campaign".

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

A senior Taliban leader said that the Islamic militia would be willing to hand over Osama bin Laden to a third-party country if the U.S. stops bombing Afghanistan and provides evidence against him. Bush quickly rejected the offer saying: "there will be no negotiations."

MONDAY, OCT. 15

Tests were conducted at ABC studios in NY, and at the offices of Tom Daschle in Washington D.C., after two separate packages that contained a powder that tested positive for anthrax were received from a Trenton, NJ mailing address. Transcripts of cockpit to ground communication from the four hijacked planes on September 11, were released. U.S. military officials are looking into reports that Red Cross warehouses in Afghanistan were hit during U.S.-led bombing raids.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

India and Pakistan exchanged fire across the border in disputed Kashmir as the U.S. secretary of state began a swing through the region, prompting Washington to ask the nuclear rivals "to stand down." Fear of anthrax spread across the Atlantic to Europe on Monday after envelopes containing suspicious white powder were delivered to businesses and government buildings in half a dozen cities. U.S. planes pounded targets outside Afghanistan's capital Kabul once again early on Tuesday after Washington launched its heaviest daylight strikes so far to root out Osama bin Laden and punish his Taliban protectors.

Compiled by Matt Meyers & Dan Engleberg

Candidate's debate

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of the House of Representatives for four years. Both candidates realize that there has been a recent strain on the relationship between the College and the surrounding neighborhood.

"Truthfully, overall I think there is a good relationship, but [it is] somewhat strained recently from overlay zoning and parking issues" admitted Afflerbach, "but experience in government has led me to conclude that there are very few irreparable problems." Lovett commented that the College "provides a high quality center for the city from a cultural point of view, but there has been a recent checkered past that has led to unfortunate law suits."

"There needs to be a better understanding between the College and neighbors on where Muhlenberg is heading," said Lovett. He explained that the College has expanded over the years, and the surrounding community needs to know what the school's intentions for further expansion are.

Afflerbach and Lovett both feel that Muhlenberg is important to investors, residents and development in Allentown. They agree that the College has an economic and cultural impact on the city. Improving the relationship between the city and the College is on the agenda for them both and will be discussed in the forum.

A Desire For Justice:

College alumni of the World War II-Era share tragedy-related reactions and sentiment

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Weekly News Writer

Recently, several alumni shared their experiences of World War II and related their reflections on the Sept. 11 attacks to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Most agreed that, despite their previous experiments during World War II, they were unprepared for the news they heard last month. These men remember when Shankweiler meant Dr. Shankweiler and not the building. They lived through Pearl Harbor. They saw an age in which the United States had been attacked in a new way, on our own land. Living in an age of turmoil, these veterans fought so that we might never have to see another strike on American soil. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

While this is the first time many college students have felt the force of an attack on our nation, we turn to those who have seen our nation face a serious threat at home twice over. Bruce Romig '46, who went to school directly after the war, commented on the sentiment in America during World War II. "The feeling was universally to win the war and blast the hell out of the Japanese who started it in Pearl Harbor." There was not as much hatred toward the Germans, Romig stated, as toward the Japanese due to the "sneak attack" by their military. The country was united around the goal of beating the enemy back. "We'd buy war stamps and war bonds."

Kermit Kistler, '38 and Bill Glase, '48 pose.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SCHWARTZ

Kermit Kistler, '38, felt much the same way. Kistler served in the Navy in submarine patrol. He supported the war effort, but felt that maybe "we shouldn't have retaliated as bad as we did" during World War II, but that it was necessary for the good of the country. Kistler, like Romig, completely supported the war effort.

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> Bruce Romig, '46

Both of these men had lived to see a war like no other up until that time. Now another war has started. With all of the things Romig and Kistler had seen, they still had not been prepared for what they saw and heard on September 11. "The poor innocent people who lost their lives," Romig sighed. "I didn't think I would live to see anything like that, to see the two towers of the World Trade Center tumbling down."

Kistler was equally as disturbed. "I felt very bad about that. It was just as bad or worse [than Pearl Harbor]. It was a terrible to do it, to kill the poor innocent people. Terrible, terrible, terrible."

Retaliation is necessary, both men agreed. Romig stated that he "absolutely" supports President Bush's attack on terrorism. Kistler added that "President Bush did the right thing trying to get these devils or evil people and bring them to justice ... gotta get rid of them ... we can't put up with terrorism."

It is unfortunate, as Kistler emphasized that we have to kill innocent people in order to have justice. While Kistler and Romig both recognized that there is a great need to rid the world of terrorists, they also acknowledged that not all Afghanistanis deserve to be attacked. "There's good Afghanistanis and bad ones," said Kistler. Romig stated that we "gotta pity [the Afghanis]" but he feels that it is still import that we stand up to terrorism even if it means war. "Their leaders might be housing this guy" said Romig.

Having lived during the late 1930's when the American people were united by war, it pleased these men to once again see the people of the United States acting in such a patriotic manner. Romig noted that it was especially good polls say the approvals of President Bush are very high, and that the general public feeling is that of being unified. He is also proud to see that during the seventh-inning stretch of baseball games, that instead of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," "God Bless America" is being sung. In terms of a united nation, Kistler put it very simply and eloquently: "We are wonderful people. All nationalities. If they are good people, *honest* people, [then] they are good people." Romig organized a brunch last Saturday for the College's World War II Veterans.

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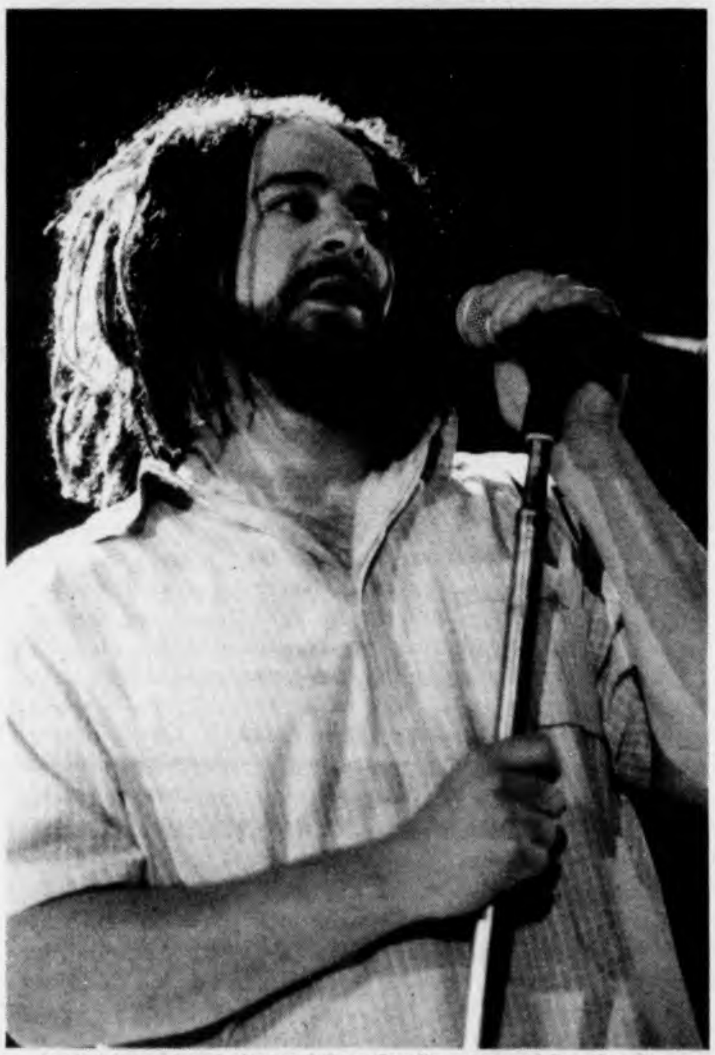
"GREAT THOUGHTS COME FROM THE HEART."

-JOHN BARTLETT

The Crows land among the Mules

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer



Dread-head lead singer Adam Duritz crooned for the Crows on Sunday despite a sore throat.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

In 1999 came Smashmouth, a popular and spotlighted band known for their organ-crazed harmonies. In 2000 came Guster, the underground cult troupe of bongos and bare-handed percussion. Both gave fantastic shows; however, their lights and music remain dwarfed next to this year's stellar event. Yes, 2001 is the Year of the Crow. On Sunday night, Muhlenberg welcomed veteran recording artists the Counting Crows with open arms, and the Counting Crows received our gracious hollers lovingly in return.

With lighting and speakers set, the opening band, the Actual Tigers, arrived on stage with nothing more than a slight smile. After the opening song, the audience seemed to lose interest in the band's hidden musical abilities and more interested in the main event. Continuing their set with several songs that seemed to be inlaid with Simon and Garfunkel ballads, the Actual Tigers picked up the pace. One song blended into the next, but they ended the monotony with a song that displayed some intensity that should have been displayed throughout the rest of their set. Although their album may be excellent, as suggested by Counting Crows lead singer Adam Duritz, their stage presence was lacking.

After a long, tiresome wait between bands, the Counting Crows took the stage with their usual vigor and intensity that has filled huge arenas on previous tours. Front-man Adam Duritz stepped up to the microphone, apologized for his broken voice, but said that he'd try to give a good show nonetheless. To say the least, his defect didn't show, in fact, he sang better than when the Crows performed on the Live combo tour last summer.

The Actual Tigers opened for the Counting Crows.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Stepping up the mandolin lines and accordion solos, the Counting Crows introduced a new line of musical tidbits that will most certainly appear on their upcoming album. Their new material was refreshing, not too different from their classic old songs from *Recovering the Satellites*, yet not in any way too similar. Integrated in the middle of the main set was a new creation about the day that Duritz discovered the death of the lead guitarist from The Band. Its key, tempo, and beat were reminiscent of The Band's style, and with such stylistic similarity Duritz and the Crows paid an effective, and even moving, tribute to a great music compilation.

Ingeniously mixed with new material were old classics and acoustic interludes that drew the crowd and energized the audience. They played out and jammed songs like "Omaha," "Rain King," and "Goodnight Elizabeth" with a masterful art, making it a definite point to get flamboyant audience participation. Every few minutes, Duritz jumped up on the lifts in front of the stage so viewers could get a better look at him, but more importantly so he could get a better look at everyone there.

As the audience maniacally sang along instead of Duritz on the well-known favorites, Duritz's eyebrows perked up,

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Question of the Week: *Do you have school spirit?*

"Yes, because I am proud of my accomplishments here, which makes me proud that this is my school."
-Tammy Gebhardt '04

"Yeah, because you can do so much and have a great time."
-Jared Lander '04

"No, I don't have enough time to."
-Greg Kadetsky '03

"Yes, I am very happy with the quality of education here, the friends I have made and the dorm life. I would never even consider changing schools."
-Meaghan Masini '04

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‘New Voices’ enters stage right

By Audrey Neddermann
Weekly Staff Writer

This week, students and faculty have the wonderful opportunity to see *New Voices 2001,* a vibrant collection of six one-act plays written by Muhlenberg students. Beth Schachter, the newest faculty member of the theater department, produced this event along with the help of several student directors. I had a chance to catch this show last weekend and so enjoyed seeing a predominantly student-produced event that was a powerful demonstration of the great talent that exists here at Muhlenberg.

The first show of the production is *O'Riley,* written by Eddie Honan '04 and directed by Cara Restaino '02. It offers both a comical and poignant window into the lives of two middle-aged Irishmen as it explores the importance of long-standing relationships and the idea of “home.” The twist at the end thoroughly engaged the audience, bringing a heavy silence upon the room. Lance Bankerd '05 and Nick Thompson-Miller '04 layed the two characters thoughtfully and believably. These two fine actors reappeared later in the night, where they really excelled in one of the definite highlights of the evening: *Here Comes Bride.*

In roles that they appeared much more comfortable in, Bankerd and Thompson-Miller enthusiastically brought to life the story of a quirky dad and his apprehensive son. In *Here Comes Bride*, playwright Gabriel Nathan '02 and director Abby Mahone '03 present us with a thought provoking play that takes a look at the peculiar thing that is a father-son relationship. This play shows us that no matter how crazy our parents are, no matter how many misunderstandings take place between us, we will always, as Nathan says in the program, love, need and fear losing them very much. The audience was entranced from the beginning of the play as they sat on the edge of their seats while Thompson-Miller's character conducted a frantic search for something all the way through to the questionable end. Any great piece of theater is marked by its ability to make us think, and *Here Comes Bride* certainly did this: many audience members discussed the meanings of this play during intermission and after the show.

Another play showcased in the production, *A Play Due to Charlie Richter Tomorrow,* was developed by Thompson-Miller, Alison Hinks '03 and Steve Soroka '03, and explored the creative process that is involved in producing a piece of theater. It was interesting to see how what started out as an actual taped conversation was turned into a play with interesting and lively characters. Whereas *Here Comes Bride* leaned towards being theater of the absurd, this play called for distinct realism in its action, which it delivered despite bouts of forced staging.

The entire second act of the

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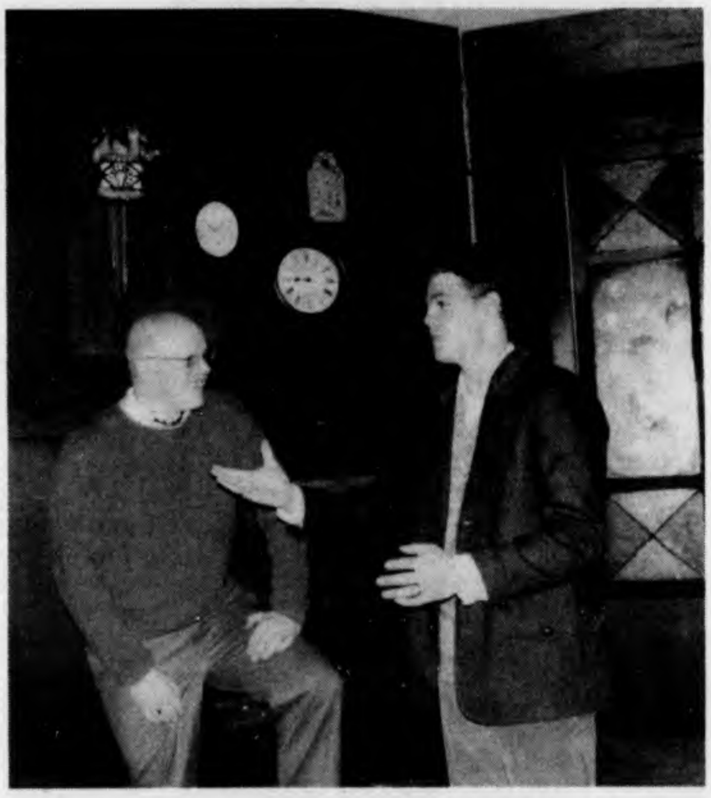


Lance Bankerd '05 and Nick Thompson-Miller '04 play two middle-aged Irishmen in *O'Riley*.

Photo by Abbi Sharofsky

The Muhlenberg Top 5

Things to do during Choice Week:

5) Play charades
4) Drink GQ coffee
3) Write a paper
2) Check your e-mail
1) Go listen to the Donson Project...seriously

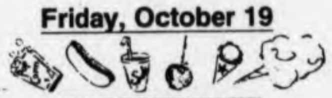
By Kelly Anne Robertson

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK????

Thursday, October 18

"THE DONSON PROJECT"
9pm Red Door

Friday, October 19



"OCTOBER FEST"
East Quad 3-7pm
(sponsored by the East Side RA's & MAC)
3-7pm The Survivor & The Mechanical Bull & Dunk Tank
4:30-6:30 pm Dinner Outside (Garden Rm Closed) & BYOB for those 21+
cotton candy/sno cones/popcorn
5-7pm Band "The Lost Trailers" (they performed with "DISPATCH)

HYPNOTIST "DALE K"
Red Door 9pm

"VIRTUAL REALITY"
Seegers Lobby 10pm-2am

Saturday, October 20

Comedians "THE SKLAR BROTHERS"
Red Door 9pm-10pm

DANCE PARTY WITH "DJ JIMMY G"
Red Door 10pm-2am

sold out **Sunday, October 21**

Bus Trip to NYC "Beauty & The Beast"

Wednesday, October 24

MAC MEETING
Nominations for President/VP/Secretary/Treasurer
Trumbower 130 5pm

A solid show by the Counting Crows

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and even began conducting mockingly to show his love for audience participation in the show. The more the audience responded to the increasingly intense music on stage, the more Duritz and his bandmates responded by jamming longer and louder. At times it was as though the audience didn't exist in their sight; they partied on stage like they were fifteen-year-old kids in their mother's basement dreaming of a life of fame to come.

The show came to a perfect and heightened close when the encore brought out the members of Actual Tigers in 'Berg football gear and without instruments. As action packed as the entire Crows scene may have been, the electric energy was palpable with the final and silly song “Hangin' Around.” Duritz jumped on the front of the stage, the Counting Crows and the Actual Tigers gathered around the microphones, and the audience cheered, jumped, and screamed for more. Duritz's self-described messed-up voice showed not a hint of falter; he sounded harmonious and ridiculously clear. He shouted, he hooted, and when he wanted a break, he gave the audience a chance at being Counting Crows lead singers, even during the interlude of TLC “No Scrubs.” Even the Actual Tigers front man sounded great, even better than he did in his own set unfortunately.

When the bacchanalia finally ended, the cheers continued long after the bands left the stage. Fans will agree that the Counting Crows are growing better with age and experience, and they fully fill out their motto of partying on stage. It can't get much better than that!

Read an interview with Crows member Dan Vickrey on the following page.

Down-to-earth guitarist Dan Vickrey

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

I didn't know what to expect from an interview with a member of one of the most famous bands of the 1990's and thereafter. Upon entering the gym's locker rooms, now illuminated with colorful lamps and flanked with large comfortable chairs, I saw someone standing in the center of this playroom with his arms at his sides, topped with a black bowler hat, and decorated with oversized green and mirror-blue sunglasses. As Dan Vickrey, lead guitarist for the Counting Crows, shook my hand, I relaxed.

I asked Dan how he felt about downsizing such enormous venue tours the band has done in the past to college settings. He explained that the summer tours are usually the larger and more expensive ones, and that he enjoys the fall tours because college kids provide the band with a "more rousing rock concert." This type of tour is far more relaxed and provides a much appreciated break from intense recording that the band is currently doing. Colleges are far more intimate arenas and he really likes "to get to see people's faces." Dan explained that this was their first real time to get a reaction for their currently unreleased material.

Dan Vickrey plays lead guitar in Sunday's concert.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Since the current tour is almost entirely composed of college and university venues, I asked Dan about differences and similarities among the schools the Counting Crows have visited. He said that each school doesn't really form its own audience identity; the crowd is pretty much the same everywhere. He and the band try to make their shows "50% band and 50% audience" wherever they go, and they find that college students get more involved and more affected by the intensity of the music on stage than any other compiled audience. Dan has observed that some audiences are more intent on listening to the music and others are more "rowdy" and playful, but all the time they are all active and involved.

Moving away from the tour, Dan focused on the music and the evolution of the band's style and relationships over the past few years. He claims that the band is "still us," and that dissention among the group is rare. With this new album and tour, the band hopes to attain a more "organic" feeling, more like a "band just playing in a room," and "not a lot of fuss about sound." Dan's philosophy is that music and fun are the driving forces of artistic creation.

When it comes to bootlegs and the uproarious attacks on Napster initiatied by Lars Ulrich of Metallica, Dan takes a moderate view. He figures that the people downloading their music will have their records anyway, so there is little to no loss of income from album sales. He seems to have faith in the fans.

Throughout our time together Dan cracked jokes and made sarcastic comments on various topics. On stage he directly connects to the audience's reaction, he plays for the sake of playing, for enjoying the moment and for entertaining fellow lovers of the art. He is an every-man with opinions, likes, dislikes, and interests just like you and me, except with something a little different: a permanent spot of fame in the very prolific and intensely talented Counting Crows.

Just in from Hawaii: Jack Johnson

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

Sick of listening to same Dave Matthews Band album that has been sitting in your CD player for what seems like an eternity? Jack Johnson, the easygoing surfer dude hailing from Oahu, Hawaii is here to save that long car ride with his groovy melodies that you can really bob you head to! Cleverly titled, *Brushfire Fairytales* is Johnson's latest musical attempt, and it has been gaining a huge fan base in its stride throughout the country. Johnson's sound is folk in its purest essence, but underneath the soft acoustic sound, a blend of funky blues-pop is audible to those who prefer that type of music.

Tracks to look out for are "Flake," which appears to be the favorite among listeners, as well as "Middle Man" which is a slightly faster paced song with the soft melody of the rest of the album. His lyrics are simple, and there is no analysis needed to simply enjoy the context of Johnson's music. Do not confuse his simplicity with a lack of depth, though; to the contrary, the simplicity of the lyrics are the perfect vehicle for Johnson to deliver a 'deep' message without coming across as being pushy. Besides, who wants more doses of reality than already exist, especially when just sitting back to relax?

Granted, Johnson is close to demi-god status in the places you would most expect him to be, such as Southern California and his native Hawaii, yet his music is without boundaries, and does not stick to the quintessential 'folk music' style.

If you are a fan of similar acts such as Ben Harper, De La Soul and Cat Stevens, then *Brushfire Fairytales* may just tickle your fancy. Even if you have never heard of any of the aforementioned acts, Johnson's album is fun, relaxing, beautiful and acoustically sound in its arrangements. I would recommend it to anyone that appreciates watching a sunset, taking a walk through a park, singing to themselves on long drives, or just loves music in general...you will not be sorry.

Homecoming parade 2001: "Your Ticket Home"

This year's winners:

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President's Award
(best first time entry)
Phi Kappa Tau

* * *

Most Outstanding Award
(best overall float)
Delta Zeta

* * *

Most Spirited Award
(best depicts Mule Spirit)
Chapel Faithworks

Clockwise: President Taylor sports a star spangled tie as he rides in the parade, showing his support for 'Berg pride. Homecoming weekend was a time for alumni, students, and faculty alike to relax and have fun. Delta Zetas celebrate their way to win the Most Outstanding Award for their creative theme.

Photos by Jamie Buckwalter

horoscopes

Aries
Take things slow this week because you are feeling very overwhelmed.

Taurus
You are living up to your sign -- the Bull. Watch your temper.

Gemini
People are confusing you with another. Stand up for yourself.

Cancer
Treat yourself well this week -- you deserve it!

Leo
Watch out, everyone is getting sick. Make sure you take you vitamins.

Virgo
A good friend is at your service. Be humble and accept the help.

Libra
Read a lot this week. You may be surprised with what you find.

Scorpio
If you have siblings, be nice to them this week.

Sagittarius
Your week is going to rock! Enjoy it!

Capricorn
Beware of false friends. Don't tell your secrets.

Aquarius
You miss a certain friend that you haven't seen in a while. Call him or her.

Pisces
Don't be apathetic Pisces! Try to gain some energy.

By Miss Tink

FACTOIDS OF FAITH

CROSS

The cross, a simple construction of two wooden beams set at right angles, was an instrument used by Imperial Rome to execute traitors, including Jesus of Nazareth (as "king of the Jews"). Because they believe Jesus' death makes them part of the people of God, Christians revere the cross as their central symbol. In different times and places, it has taken many different forms, sometimes shaped like a "T", sometimes with beams of equal length (+), sometimes elaborated with a second and even a third cross-piece. The crucifix, showing the body on the cross, emphasizes Jesus' sacrifice, while the empty cross emphasizes his victory over the power of death.

Students show their talent in 'New Voices'

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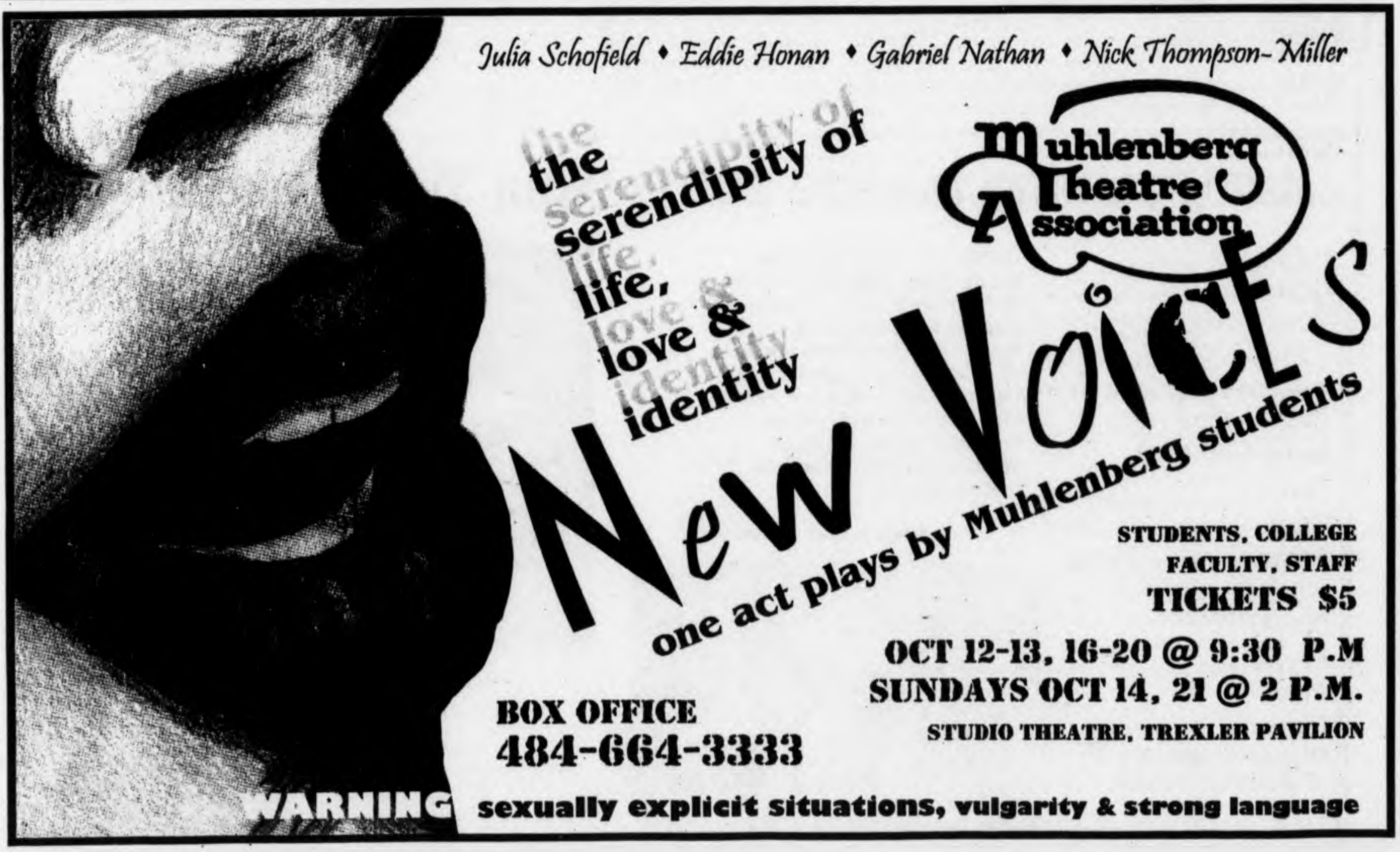
evening was devoted to the work of Julia Schofield '03. For the *New Voices* project, Schofield was involved in the whole rehearsal process for her plays, and this afforded her a chance to have some input as to how her plays were interpreted. Usually, playwrights have little say in the production process, so this was a unique opportunity for Schofield, who was very excited about how her work was being portrayed this year. She is admired by director Beth Schachter for being "good at what she does." In a very straightforward manner, her plays deal with the issues that face many teenagers today such as sex, eating disorders, and homophobia. Many of the older members of the audience looked a bit shocked at some of the vulgarity and outright talk of sex that was taking place on the stage, but then again, real life does not always give us what we want to hear.

Perhaps the most stimulating part of the second act was the monologue "Convicted," a piece that considered the universal desire to be heard and to live by one's own terms. Actor Phil Haas '05 poured out his heart while performing the monologue, giving it the passion and sincerity it needed to make it fly.

If you dread a never-ending bombardment of plays from an evening of one-acts, fear not. The show is not overly long at all, and even the set changes are staged so that they are enjoyable and feel as if they are part of the show. The audience's space is also transformed for this show, and watches the show while lounging on piles of pillows. This more intimate space intensifies the relationship between the actors and audience and makes the entire experience that much more enjoyable. Come and support your fellow peers in this production that proves once again how Muhlenberg is home to many talented actors, directors, and playwrights. If you can, get to the theater a little bit early to catch the coffeehouse prior to show that features a different student performer each night. The show continues to run through Sunday and is limited to people age 17 and older due to the strong language and sexually explicit situations.



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Scoreboard

Cross Country at Desales Invitational

Women's Team placed 6th
Men's Team placed 11th

Men's Soccer

Wed., Oct. 10 vs. Messiah, 0-2
Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Western Maryland, 1-4

Field Hockey

Thurs., Oct. 11 vs. Swarthmore, 1-2
Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Gettysburg, 0-3

Volleyball

Wed., Oct. 10 vs. Franklin & Marshall, 1-3
Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Gettysburg, 3-0
Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Washington (MD), 3-0

Women's Soccer

Wed., Oct. 10 vs. Franklin & Marshall, 2-1
Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Gettysburg, 4-3

Football

Sat., Oct. 13 vs. Johns Hopkins, 22-14

Golf finishes fourth at Mule Tournament

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The men's golf team placed two teams in the top half of the Muhlenberg Fall Classic Tournament on Monday. The College's "A" team place fourth and the "B" team finished eighth in the sixteen-team tournament held at the Lehigh Country Club.

Freshman Weston Happ, playing for the "A" team, was the only Mule to break 80. His score of 79 earned him a tie for thirteenth place overall. Other Mule golfers included: Todd Scolnick (A), Rich Jacobs (A), Kevin Fitzpatrick (A), Greg Nicolls (B), Ryan Vogal (B), Scott Gill (B), and Joe Bedway (B).

The Mules' "A" team had a team score of 330, which placed them twelve strokes behind overall team champion Susquehanna. The "B" team was twelve strokes behind the "A" team with a team score of 342. According to Head Coach Jeff Tipping, the finish was "a little behind what we expect of Muhlenberg's golf team." He added however, that the three teams that finished ahead of the College "are three of the top teams in the region." Right now, Tipping said, "We are just trying to get our best players on top of their game."

The Mules men's golf team wraps up fall competition the weekend of Oct. 27 and 28 as they travel to Ocean City, MD to compete in the Ocean City Collegiate Golf Classic. Tipping said the team is "looking forward to playing in Ocean City" as that is where the Centennial Conference Championships take place in April. The Mules' regular season takes place in the spring.

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Player 8______________________
Player 9______________________
Player 10______________________

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Cross Country

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

After a weekend off, the Cross Country team was again off and running. The men's and women's performances at the Oct. 13, DeSales Invitational indicated that Fall Break may have been just what the Mules needed.

Collectively and individually, the women's team made history at the race. The Mules sixth place overall finish was the highest that any women's team has ever finished at DeSales. They were once again led by Senior Katie Garrett who finished 20th. Garrett's time of 19:57.32 was a personal best. Freshman Jenna Belisonzi continued a great season with a 29th place finish.

Though they did not make history, the men's squad placed 11th out of a field of 35. Junior Tri-Captain Brendan Gallagher was the first Mule to cross the finish line. His 13th place finish earned him an award. Gallagher was followed by Sophomore Rob Uniszkiewicz who finished 27th. Nate Horst led a pack of Mules that included Rich Kipp, Michael Bonchonsky, Brian Cash and tri-captain Robin Holden. Holden believed that the team "had a very strong showing and we beat Moravian for the first time this year and were only 2 points behind (conference rival) Swarthmore."

The teams' coach Linda Andrews felt it helped "because we needed to train and not compete." Melka commented, "I felt that fall break helped my performance a lot. I had some good workouts and took the rest of the time to relax and enjoy myself." Holden said, "It was nice for everyone to have a mental break from racing every weekend, have time to catch up on rest and heal any nagging problems before a push towards the end of a season as we train for our two most important races, the Conference Championship and the NCAA regionals."

This weekend the Mules will battle Centenntial Conference foes at the Gettysburg Invitational. However, both the men's and women's squads will be missing their top seven runners, who will be given the race off in order to better prepare for the Conference Championships which will be held in two weeks at Dickinson.

Do you like sports or like to write? Contact Brian at x5536 or email at btalbott@muhlenberg.edu

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Through the Lens:

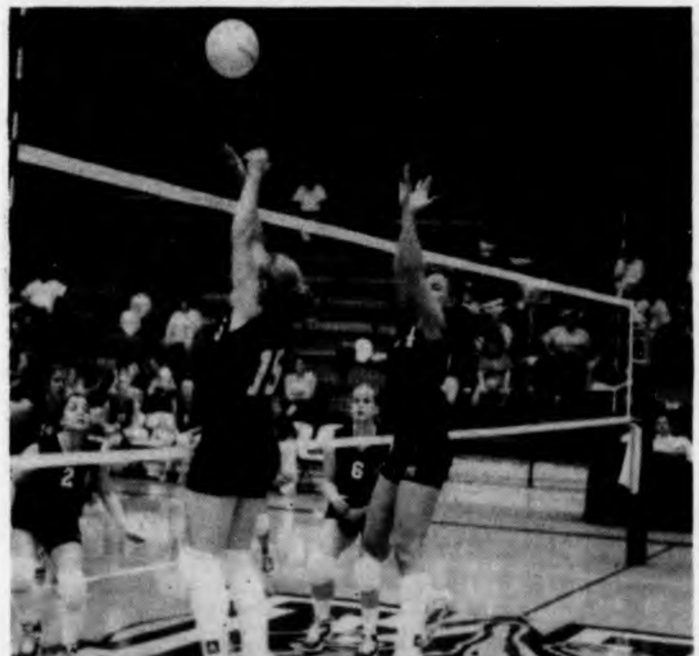

Photo by Scott Swartz

The Volleyball team sweeped homecoming, breaking Gettysburg's twelve-game hold on Muhlenberg.

Football defeats Johns Hopkins

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

On a sunny fall homecoming day, 3,627 people were in attendance as the football team faced the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays in a Centennial Conference battle. The Mules were looking to avenge last years' loss in Baltimore where Johns Hopkins scored 23 second half points to win 33-20 in an entertaining shoot-out that featured 1,000 yards of total offense.

This time, the Mules jumped out to a first quarter 14-0 lead, and held on to win 22-14 behind three combined touchdowns by Sophomore running back Matt Bernado and Junior quarterback Justin Jones. Jones rushed for a career-high 62 yards for the Mules. The defense, which forced a key interception late in the game, also contributed to the win. Senior linebacker John-Paul Skarpetowski led the defense with eight tackles, while Junior linebacker Beau Sherry, Senior free safety Kit Spicer and senior cornerback Sergio Masvidal each intercepted a pass. Spicer was the hero for the defense, as he intercepted a pass near the goal line in the final minute to thwart a potential game-tying drive.

The game started off well for the Mules. During the drive, the key play was a 31-yard pass from Jones to senior tight end Michael Stankowitz that set up a first and goal on Johns Hopkins' 6 yard line. Bernado carried twice from the one-yard line, successfully entering the end zone on his second attempt. Kicker Chris Reed converted on the extra point attempt, making the score 7-0.

The Mules looked crisp again on offense later in the first quarter, as they marched 58 yards down the field in 7 plays to take the lead 14-0. On the first play of the drive, Jones completed a 23 yard pass to senior running back Kamali Roberts that led the Mules to the Blue Jays 35 yard line. After an unsuccessful rushing attempt by Bernado, Jones completed a 14 yard pass to Matt Bernado which advanced the offense to the Blue Jays 21 yard line. On the next play, senior wide receiver Josh Carter rushed 4 yards. After another unsuccessful rushing attempt by Bernado, Jones converted a huge third down conversion when Jones completed a 12-yard pass to Carter to set up first and goal. From the goal line, Bernado rushed into the end zone to make the score 14-0. This touchdown was Bernado's 16th of the season, tying the school record he also tied last year.

On Johns Hopkins' first drive in the second quarter, the Blue Jays scored their first touchdown. Johns Hopkins started out on their own 14-yard line and drove 86 yards down the field in 8 plays. Freshman running back Adam Cook rushed for 22 yards on four consecutive carries to start the drive. Facing 3rd and 9 on their own 36-yard line, Heleniak threw a 16 yard pass to senior wide receiver Zach Baylin to keep the drive alive. On the next play, Heleniak completed a 6-yard pass to Cook. A personal foul was called against the Mules, which resulted in a 15-yard gain for the Blue Jays. From the Mules 27, Heleniak threw a touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Brian Wolcott and kicker Matt Andrade completed the extra point which cut the Blue Jays deficit in half.

On the second play of the next drive for the Mules, Bernado fumbled and the Blue Jays recovered. Andrade attempted a 46-yard field goal. The Mules went in at half-time leading the Blue Jays 14-7.

In the third quarter, the Mules scored a safety and a touchdown to make the score 22-7. The safety came freshman punter Justin Saverine kicked the ball 48 yards to the Blue Jays 4-yard line. On the next play from scrimmage, the Blue Jays were called for intentional grounding in the end zone, giving the Mules a safety and a 16-7 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff return, All-American Josh Carter returned the kickoff 73 yards to the Blue Jays goal line. Carter reached two career milestones in the game; surpassing 6,000 all-purpose yards and 2,000 yards on kickoff returns. After an unsuccessful rushing attempt by Bernado, Jones carried the ball into the end zone.

In the fourth quarter, Johns Hopkins scored another touchdown with 4:44 remaining in the game. The touchdown was a result of a 37-yard pass from Heleniak to sophomore fullback Kyle Miller after a 15 yard face mask penalty was called on the Mules. The touchdown made the score 22-14. The Mules gave the Blue Jays the last possession of the game with 1:52 left on the game clock. The Blue Jays advanced down the field and reached the Mules 46-yard line. With 36 seconds left in the game, Senior Kit Spicer came up with a huge interception, essentially ending the game and giving the Mules a victory.

"We're getting back on track. Right now every game is a big one, including our upcoming game against Gettysburg because it's a Conference game. We have to stay in the race for the title," said Sophomore Joel Rush. The Mules (4-2, 2-1) travel this week to Gettysburg (0-3, 2-4) to face the Bullets in a Centennial Conference game.

Photo by Scott Swartz

The Mules attempted to block the Blue Jays' extra point attempt on Saturday as they defeated them, 22-14.

Profile of a Mule

Senior Katie Garrett finds inner strength through the pain

By Calvin Tintle
Weekly Sports Writer

In all of us there is a threshold of pain, or tolerance. We don't know where it comes from or recollect if there was a time when it was not. Some people can take pain, thrive on it, and continue to have pain and always deal with it. Others may reach a certain point and stop. But to continue through the pain and be able to push your body to another level is something to behold.

All sports require one to go through pain, exhaustion, and still be able to endure. All sports also require mental strength. And the strength both mentally and physically is what makes one sport in particular all the more fascinating Cross-country. This sport entails one to front whatever pain is present and then have the mental courage to persevere. Making this competition, the races, one of the most beautiful things to watch, most interesting and most difficult to understand why one would want to do this.

Many think this sport is among the most difficult to compete in, and others may argue that it is a sport of merely running, putting one foot in front of the other. Perhaps this is why so few compete in this grueling sport. It is a sport of the highest competitive nature and those that begin are among the toughest of athletes. One of these competitors who has endured, and continues to endure, one who has fought, trained, been a leader, has laughed and had fun, has been a role model for those that follow is Senior captain of the Mules cross country team, Katie Garret.

Katie is from the Upper Saucon Valley, a graduate of Southern Lehigh High School. Her athletic story can be classified as different in the sense that she did not run cross-country in high school; in fact she ran track, which may not seem very surprising except she sprinted rather than running distance. She also said, "track was more of a social thing than a competitive thing for me." Perhaps this is why she decided to play soccer her senior year rather than track.

Being a good student in high school her next step was college. Muhlenberg seemed right for her. Since she describes herself as she says, "active," she wanted to play a sport. She thought that track would be a good choice. She came to the first practice as a sprinter. Then during that first spring season of track coaches saw potential in a different event. Potential that needed to be tapped.

Coaches started to place her in the middle distance, distance races. Mainly the 1500-meter run. As the old adage goes, the rest its history. She fell in love with the sport of running and says, "I want to run to the day I die, I want to run until my legs physically can not move; I love to run."

After this rookie season as a, "true runner," the teammates around her and especially one in particular, Laura Roth, encouraged her to continue running. She decided to do cross-country as a sophomore in the upcoming fall semester. Away from her father who she said, "I get a lot of my attributes from," Laura Roth became her main role model as a Mule.

As her career has continued to become all the more impressive and the times she has achieved have been falling, she still remains humble.

At Muhlenberg, Garrett also continues to be a good student. She is a math major with an accounting minor. She thinks that she wants to be either a public accountant, or work with an insurance company, concentrating on statistics.

This last year has become an important part of not only this particular season but also a part of her life. She loves being captain and it is a role that she has taken very seriously. She considers being captain as one of her greatest achievements. "I love the girls on the team. Loving the girls on the team is something that just adds to making this year so rewarding."

Anticipating the end of the season, Garrett feels that this one can be among the most successful in the history of the team. Last year, the Mules finished sixth while this year they are looking to come in either 4th or 5th. Each year the team has continued to improve, and each year the team has continued to rise as a force in the Centennial Conference.

Self-discipline and motivation are essential to being a successful runner. Perhaps it's early in the morning or later in the day and you still need to get that run in. To get out and do that run even though you're tired, Garrett will still go out and do that run. A person that cares enough to push themselves to complete that type of workout and understands that even though this is often considered an individual sport, every point and place will count when it comes to race day. Katie says, "being motivated and having self-discipline is one of my greatest attributes." This could lead to her being successful in all aspects of life.

Even though Katie has been successful and is always continuing to grow as an athlete, she still enters every race with the nervousness that makes it seem like it is her first race that she has ever ran. Once she toes that line, she becomes a different woman. A woman concerned with only one thing and that is winning. She runs every race like it is her last, attacking every course.

When Katie Garrett leaves Muhlenberg, her shoes will be very hard to fill. She has had a successful career as both an athlete and a student. She says, "when my serious competitive career comes to an end I will be disappointed because I didn't have that long of a career and don't have those great stories, but I have loved Muhlenberg."

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Women's soccer defeats Gettysburg in double overtime

Marks first time ever Mules have defeated the Bullets

By Brian Talbott
Managing Editor

The women's soccer team recently tied then broke a record this past week. Last Wednesday, the team tied the school record for most consecutive wins in a season, 10, winning against Franklin and Marshall with a final score of 2-1. On Saturday, Homecoming Weekend, the team played and defeated Gettysburg, 4-3, breaking the school record, with now 11 consecutive wins.

Franklin and Marshall was defeated in double overtime on Oct. 3. This was the first time in team history that the Mules have ever won a game in sudden death double overtime. The first goal of the game was scored by Diplomats' Jeanette Finster, making this the first goal scored against Junior Kim Laurino in 710 minutes.

Sophomore Sharon Seggel tied the game with an unassisted goal with 66:18 left on the clock. The shot, an arching kick that entered just under the crossbar, was Seggel's first career goal. Both teams scored nothing until Freshman Rebecca Armstrong scored the game-winning goal with seven minutes left in sudden death overtime. This was Armstrong's fourth career goal.

The team has defeated the Diplomats nine out of their last ten meetings. The lone win that F & M has garnered was a 1-0 overtime victory in 1996. The Mules' win over Franklin and Marshall snapped the Diplomats' twelve game winning-streak.

The women's team then moved on to Gettysburg, their rival for the number one spot in the Centennial Conference. The team once again pulled together and won in double sudden death overtime for their eleventh straight win, breaking the record set in 1998. Senior Jennie Vroman scored the first goal of the game, but Gettysburg came back and scored three goals, giving them a two point lead at the half. Sophomore Dawn Iberer scored the second goal for the Mules in the 48th minute of the game with an assist from Vroman. The Mules tied the game with their third goal, unassisted from Sophomore Courtney Levine.

The teams remained in a dead heat until the second overtime in which Iberer scored her second goal of the game, assisted again by Vroman. Head Coach Leslie Benintend expressed about Saturday's game, "They were a good team; we kept coming at them, and they kept coming at us. That's what being a team is all about: can you come from behind, can you win from behind? When we put the second goal in the net, I thought we had a great chance. But when they put the third one in the net, there was no stopping them. They were going to win it. It was just a question of time." The Mules' defeat of the Bullets was the first time ever for them since the formation of the Conference in 1993.

When asked what has worked so well for the team this season, Benintend replied, "Teamwork. The team has a lot of drive to be successful. They have a lot of passion both on and off the field. I think that there isn't any individual person this season, there isn't any "I" in team. They've pulled together to win as a team and to lose as a team."

With three games left in the season, the Mules hope to make it at least to the Conference playoffs and most likely far beyond. As stated by Benintend, "We have to take it one game at a time. We don't want to be overconfident in ourselves, but it would be great to make it to the NCAA tournament."

Photo by Scott Swartz

Freshman Rebecca Armstrong scored the game winning goal against Franklin and Marshall in double overtime last Wednesday.

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Yeasted wins sophomore athlete of year award

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Nathan Yeasted was named "Sidney Weikert Athlete of the Year" on Saturday during halftime of the Homecoming Football game. Yeasted, a Junior wrestles for the College at the 133-pound weight class. "I was very honored and surprised to receive the award," Yeasted commented.

The "Sidney Weikert Athlete of the Year Award" has been given to an outstanding athlete at the College annually since 1973. The award honors performance during the athlete's sophomore year, but it is not given until the fall of the athlete's junior year at the College. The Alumni Association established the award in honor of Sidney Weikert '63 after Weikert's death in 1972.

Yeasted was one of four Mules last winter to qualify for the NCAA championships by winning his weight class at the Centennial Conference Championship. He was also named "Most Outstanding Wrestler" at the Conference Tournament by pinning both his opponents in the first period. Yeasted finished his season with an overall record of 30-14. While Yeasted was pleased with his individual performance, he was "very proud of the whole team."

The 2000-2001 Mules Wrestling squad set the team record for wins last year with 17 and brought home the Centennial Conference Duel Meet Championship. Yeasted was "very happy with the way the team performed."

In addition to his success on the mat, Yeasted also thrives academically. He is an honor role biology major who would like to attend medical school following graduation. At this time, Yeasted does not know what specific area of medicine he would like to go into; he is simply "worried about getting into medical school."

Yeasted is looking forward to the upcoming wrestling season saying, "The team should be real good this year. We have a big team, about 20 guys, and the freshmen are really working hard."

Mary and James, Yeasted's parents were on hand to see their son receive the award at the game on Saturday. Bob Weikert, son of the late Sidney Weirket presented the award along with President and Mrs. Taylor.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Nate Yeasted shakes hands with President Taylor after receiving the Sidney Weikert Athlete of the Year award.

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Board of Trustees meeting yielded glowing reports

Student life and academic life committees approve these areas

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

The College's Board of Trustees met last Thursday on campus to address college-related issues such as the impact of market investments, which was an issue the Finance Committee explored. Out of the 44 trustees, 35 attended.

Trustees are extremely happy with what's happening at the College.

The admission, development, alumni, marketing and Evening College reports from committees were "glowing" the Public Relations office reported. Separate committees meeting to discuss academic life and student life also said that both areas met their approval.

Thursday was organized into a series of committee meetings.

Each committee covers its own area, such as admission, development, alumni and academic life.

It was reported that there were no grand entrances; Lew Bakes did not drive his Ferrari and park it in the circle this time.

The various committees united for the biannual full board meeting on Friday. There was discussion of a

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Muhlenberg students attend AIDSWALK Philly

Students and faculty join in the search to find a cure

By Cheryl Wortzel
Assistant News Editor

This past Sunday, October 21, while the majority of the Muhlenberg campus slept, 60 students woke up at 7:30 a.m. to get to the AIDSWALK Philly by 10:00 a.m. After the success of the first AIDS walk in Philadelphia in 1987, it has become an annual event. It has become the largest private funder of AIDS service organizations in the region. A group of Muhlenberg students decided to participate this year for the first time.

The day of the walk saw beautiful weather, which added to the 8.4 mile experience that began and ended in front of the Philadelphia Art Institute.

The staff of Martin Luther Hall sponsored the College's team of walkers. Senior Head Resident Jon Schwartz oversaw the event, while Erin McMenamin and Courtney Russell coordinated and organized. The rest of the ML staff helped to bring the project to fruition.

The Muhlenberg team raised roughly $1918.00 for the cause. "I liked how everyone at the walk was supportive of one another. As we crossed the finish line, people read our banner and shouted congratulations supporting Muhlenberg." Says Schwartz.

Along with students, three faculty members participated in the 10K walk. Jan Schumacher and Aaron Bova Director of Residential Services, respectively, as well as Assistant Director of Campus Safety Tom Dougherty of Campus Safety, went along to show their support. Dean Rudy Ehrenberg and Jan Schumacher, who also served as the event's staff

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Correction

Faculty salaries on the rise

Last week's issue (in the article entitled "Faulty salaries on the rise") reported that faculty salaries were approved by the Board of Trustees to increase by 4.5 percent. The College was then able to increase faculty salaries by half again that amount or 6.5 percent. The article reversed this information. It incorrectly stated, "The College's average faculty salaries increased this year by half that number due to competing factors within the school's budget."

The Strange Ride: Another lime cooler here!

A professor's first-hand account of the Middle East

Part One of a three-part series

By Dr. Fred Norling
Weekly Guest Writer

Professor Norling was in Pakistan in 1985 to work for the Pakistani government. While there, he visited Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, and other cities and sites. A decade later, he took a group of Muhlenberg students to Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) for five weeks, and then returned a year later as a guest lecturer at the University of Dacca. What follows is his recollection of Pakistan and Afghanistan.)

"No foster-mother, threatening punishment for naughty boys, could do more than temporarily oust Rudyard from his magic Kingdom, as no policeman could turn Kim away from the gun, Zam-Zammah, where he played...with his companions, little Chola the Hindu and Abdullah, the Moslem pastry-cook's son." (From Angus Wilson, The strange ride of Rudyard Kipling, p. 21.)

Alas, as my work in Pakistan was ending, I packed in the sites: the Shalimar Gardens, the Lahore museum and, of course, across the street from the museum, Kim's cannon, the Zam-Zammah (I even had myself photographed sitting on it). Like Kim and Rudyard, it was hard to pull me from Lahore. As I sat in the front seat of the Land Cruiser my driver Akbar drove quickly through the busy streets, staring through the window and my reflection at the people and places whipping by in a blur. I thought realistically how I'd never return.

Pathan (two elders) in opium den near Khyber.

Photo by Fred Norling

We reached Rawalpindi -- the great British military post, Pakistan's capital -- late that afternoon. A few minutes later and we arrived in Islamabad. I asked Akbar to drop me at the embassy, where I proceeded to the bar downstairs. Americans could come and go with minor difficulty. You had to show a lot of identification the first time. If you knew someone in the embassy, as I did, entrance was easy. Keep moving, however. No loitering, at least not since the riot a few years earlier when a huge mob stormed and

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Ride the artistic wave

Have you ever spent the day in the CA? Are you aware of how much truly goes on there? In many ways, the Center for the Arts is a city of creation; the hustle and bustle of dancers, actors, visual artists, and photographers pervades the long corridor, while the cacophonic accompaniment of practicing musicians provides as their background symphony.

Numerous students of the visual and performing arts spend their days there, learning and attempting to perfect their talents. Talent permeates all of the campus' arenas; often at times, this is overlooked in the arts.

Dancers add to the momentum present in the CA. Clad in leotards and tights of varying colors, they fill the CA with a unique energy only they can provide.

The eclectic mix of actors surprisingly inhabits all of the seemingly empty corners and crevices. Not only do they fill the building from wall to wall, they are there from dusk until dawn. The hours of the CA are from approximately 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., and are put to very good use. The actors provide the unmistakable component of animation that only they can produce. Without it, the city would lack a crucial part of its character.

> *Clearly, these talented students of the arts are not given the credit they indubitably deserve. They should be b recognized, lauded, appreciated.*

The visual artists, a group of individuals that just as often go unnoticed. Many times, these residents of the city can be found along the walls of the corridor quietly being inspired by their surroundings. The final products of their musings are displayed for all to enjoy.

With all of this excitement, it is necessary for someone to document all that is happening. This is where the role of the photographers comes into play. Through the lens of the camera, the photographers capture the energy that permeates Muhlenberg's campus.

The musicians orchestrate the rhythmic pace of the city. When passing through the CA, tuning of instruments and practice concerts provide as the passing students' background music.

Clearly, these talented students of the arts are not given the credit they indubitably deserve. They should be recognized, lauded, appreciated. Next time, you have a free night, go see the latest black box or dance recital. Take advantage of the artistic talent present on Muhlenberg's campus. The performers depend on you as their audience. Don't let them down. But more importantly, don't let yourself down.

Take advantage of these rare opportunities. Ride the wave.

Terror hits home:

Heightened awareness follows

Lucas Tomanelli
Weekly Columnist

Ever since the events of September 11 took place, the American population (and a good portion of the world) has gone about everyday life with a sense of increased awareness. Seven weeks ago, we would have never imagined that a state of crisis remotely similar to the one that we're currently experiencing would've been inflicted upon us. We rarely considered another aircraft hijacking; we barely considered the possibility of the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon being targeted for attack. Furthermore, the idea that anthrax could, and would, be used to reek havoc on American citizens was nothing more than a thought that many of us had placed on the back burner. But now, at a time when we're forced to look the reality of terror in the eyes, we've come to see what the powers of evil really are capable of inflicting on the world, even a superpower such as the United States.

In the past couple of weeks, the people of the United States have continued to see what evil powers are capable of doing to a nation. As the scare of more physical force began to drain from the consciences of many Americans, reality hit home once again when anthrax killed a senior citizen in Florida. Shortly after, more cases of possible anthrax infection were reported, and soon enough, the entire nation found itself in the middle of a biochemical-terrorist scare. Since then, the American public, the business world and the federal government have each been operating with the awareness that America -- despite our efforts in Afghanistan -- is still under attack. My fear, however, is that as college students, Muhlenberg students and college students across the nation aren't aware of just how close to home the threat can reach.

On Monday night, a "hazardous materials team" entered the Frist Campus Center at Princeton University after a graduate student notified authorities of "a suspicious white substance on the 100 level of the building." Students were then evacuated from the 100 level of the building as a local fire fighter entered the area in a chemical protective suit to remove the substance. The mysterious substance was then sent to a state chemical laboratory in New Jersey. Whether or not the substance was anthrax, as time goes on and the "War on Terrorism" continues, we're beginning to see more and more that the threats of terrorism are gradually progressing. We are not only being affected in our cities, office buildings and other federal buildings (to only name a few), but in smaller towns, post offices and college and university campuses.

My intention is not for the Muhlenberg community to be startled or fearful of the most recent developments of biochemical horror, but I do believe that we, along with other college communities across the nation, need to be more aware of the threat at hand. On Tuesday, anthrax was found on a piece of machinery in a mail screening room at the White House. Tomorrow, it could be found anywhere. It is unnecessary to live our lives in fear, but it is necessary to operate with care and extreme awareness of our surroundings. I wish everyone the best of health. God bless you, Muhlenberg.

Lucas Tomanelli is a sophomore.

Bureaucracies busboy takes the collar

Evan Halperin & Jeff Morro
Weekly Columnists

In their finest moments, NASA showed the world that they could conquer a new realm -- outer space. As Americans we have been instilled with the notion that second best is never good enough and, as a result, we have spent millions of dollars to put Neil Armstrong and company on the moon. It is difficult to even fathom the amount of money that was spent in trying to overcome the Russians, to win the "Space Race." To many Americans, this was a sign that our country was more powerful and we could use this feat as a sign of American supremacy over all the other nations of the Earth. The most troubling aspect of the US space program is its innate ability to spend and especially to waste taxpayer money.

In this day and age, new technology is introduced at such astounding rates that it is virtually impossible to stay on top of it. NASA has made it their business to create new ways to explore the depths of space, under the auspices of "new discovery." NASA can be credited with such useful inventions as the lunar excursion module and billion dollar robots that can lurk on the surface of Mars. This, however, isn't the problem; the catch with NASA is that it's seemingly insatiable funds seem to go beyond what really should be allocated to a government agency that is merely trying to better itself for "the good of the nation."

We find it hard to believe that Americans citizens are sitting around, eagerly anticipating NASA's launch of its new state of the art zero gravity espresso machine. It just doesn't seem logical to spend such exorbitant amounts of money on gadgets and gizmos that don't really have anything to offer the average citizen. Recently there was an article that explained how the Americans spent twelve million dollars on a pen that could be used in zero gravity in extreme heat, or any other place you can stick a pen. At the same time, the Russians devised a better plan -- use a pencil.

To put it simply, our country spent valuable tax dollars on sending man to the moon and really hasn't done much with that technology since. Can anyone name another great moment in NASA history? After the lunar landing, NASA has basically been mired in a steady stream of failures and mishaps. Plagued by poor management and wavering support from the American public, NASA has seen its reputation plummet from bad to worse. This has all been highlighted by the fact that even a NASA administrator is losing his faith in the organization. Daniel Goldin stepped down this week, after a ten-year tenure, the longest in NASA history. This time was marked by deep budget cuts and an inability to keep projects moving at a reasonable pace. Plain and simple, over the last twenty years America has lost most of its interest in the space program.

Thanks for the astronaut ice cream, the Velcro and all of Neil Armstrong's small steps for mankind. We could have taken them on our own for about one hundred billion dollars less.

What happened to "In God we trust?"

Brian Talbott
Managing Editor

In God we trust. This is the phrase on our country's dollar bill. This country was built upon certain principles and beliefs, yet these very beliefs are today shunned and despised. Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore because God is mentioned, a child wrote this NEW school prayer.

Now I sit me down in school, where praying is against the rule, for this great nation under God, finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow, becomes a Federal matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green. That's no offense; it's a freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. For praying in a public hall, might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the 'unwed dad', our Senior King. It's quite inappropriate to teach right from wrong, we can get our condoms and birth controls, study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, no word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; My soul please take! Amen.

When Christianity, the Bible, or God is mentioned people become very offended. Yet everything else underneath the sun is protected by the First Amendment. I pray that this country awakens to this truth sooner than later.

The napkin board: Comments don't always lead to change

Annie Glass
Weekly Guest Columnist

As you place your tray on the conveyer belt in the Garden Room, you realize you cannot exit because of a mass of people reading what is known as the "comment board". This board gives every customer of the Garden Room the opportunity to speak his or her mind. The idea is ingenious. By simply using a napkin from a table, a normally unheard opinion can be expressed to the decision makers of food services.

As a campus tour guide, I purposely bring the perspective students and their families past the comment board, to pride Muhlenberg's food services as including the student body and accepting comments and being responsive to the student' wants and needs. A comment board was recently added to the GQ, further exemplifying Muhlenberg's commitment to including students in decisions, valuing their opinions, and pleasing their "customers". However, look closely at the "napkin board" the next time you pass by it. Besides providing entertainment to passers-bys, the comment board appears to be devoid of any effect.

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All of the comments seem to be answered by more comments. There are no actions, solutions, or answers offered, as had been the case in the past. It looks great that every comment has been read and there is an answer, yet, what is the point of bothering to answer if it is only to state a fact? Case in point -- the frozen yogurt episode. As many people have noticed the "fro-yo" has changed. There have been numerable napkin notes about

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Weekly Discourse: Special interest housing

Unnecessarily exclusive or surely beneficial?

Manon Gordon

Weekly Guest Columnist

Theatre is one of the most expressive forms of art. The stage is littered with actors and actresses, each as passionate about his or her art as the next. The beauty of theatre is that no person is excluded; everyone contributes something unique, a special element of his or her personality. Residing on a theatre or other special interest floor is quite the same, a variety of people very different in character but sharing a love for performing.

My experience living on the theatre floor in Walz Hall has been that people with dissimilar interests but sharing the common love for theatre mesh well. It gives residents a foundation on which they will build relationships knowing that regardless of outside interests, they share their enthusiasm with other students in their dorm or house. While it is understood that not every student is interested in a certain area, theatre in this case can be housed on a special interest floor. It is more than likely that throughout the residence hall, there will be a good number of students also studying the same area. Special interest housing provides the opportunity to meet, interact; and learn from other students' experiences in a specific field. The opportunity to share something that everyone is passionate about makes this type of housing beneficial.

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Currently, Walz has students who are intended majors grouped in a certain area on the same floor, although each floor also includes students in other fields of study. What I have seen, on the theatre floor specifically, is that students offer a greater sense of themselves when they feel comfortable with the people on their hall, which simply adds to the bonds that would be formed in any living situation. People who are dedicated to their area of interest and are charismatic about doing what they love tend to form stronger relationships based on what they have in common. Special interest housing offers students comfort in being able to commit to their interests with the support of other students who do the same.

The principle behind this form of housing is not to exclude other members of the community, but to provide the opportunity to live amongst people who share an understanding of everyone's degree of dedication in a certain area of work. While close relationships will form within a special interest house or hall, no residents will deprive themselves the opportunity to socialize beyond the other students with whom they live.

Brian Talbott

Managing Editor

Quite frankly, the lottery system stinks. It is the most fair and equitable way to distribute on campus housing; there's no question about that, at least according to the people who get the lowest numbers. However, talk to the people who get the highest numbers. I'm sure their opinion will not be quite as objective. And that brings up the question of special interest housing.

I have been a part of special interest housing for my first two years at this college. Freshman year, I lived in the top floor of PKT and sophomore year I lived on the third floor of Taylor, both years as part of Home Theatre. It's been a good experience for me, I can't lie about that. But when I take a step back, from an objective standpoint, and ask myself, "Is it really fair for everyone?" I don't know if I can truthfully answer "yes".

> *But when I take a step back, from an objective standpoint, and ask myself, "Is it really fair for everyone?"*

It sounded like a really good idea when that campus representative called my home and asked me if I wanted to be a part of Home Theatre. I would be with a bunch of people that liked acting, playing instruments, singing, etc. So I replied, "Sure." When I arrived to Hillside, there were no phone lines, there were wires everywhere, the doors couldn't be shut, there was no ethernet; it was pretty much a mess. It took Housing more than a week just to hook up a something to the wires hanging from the ceiling so that our phones could be plugged in.

I love the group of guys that I lived with that first year. Yeah, groups of friends did form, but all in all, I don't think that anyone was unhappy. But did I know anyone outside of those four walls? Not really. Everyone else was a quarter mile away on the other side of campus. I didn't make the effort, I know. But I think that living in Prosser might have been a better choice.

Sophomore year, third floor Taylor. Pretty nice. Was it really fair though that a whole floor was taken up by practically one group of people? No. It just wasn't the same as that first year either. The same friendships just drifted apart and became very distant if not hostile.

What about those freshmen that get to take up the entire fourth floor of Walz? As I recall, housing is assigned on a first come, first serve basis for that first year. Whoever sends in their deposit first would be given priority. Did all those people send in their deposits first? Most likely not. Are they being deprived of friendships that could be made if they hadn't lived on that floor? Chances are good they would eventually meet most of the theatre people anyway. But what about other people?

I think that special interest housing has good intentions, but I don't think the benefits outweigh the costs. Something to consider, for next time.

The napkin board

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how displeased the students are with the new choice of dairy dessert. However, all the comments are grouped together with one response saying that the only difference is that more air is used in the process. What does this mean? Does it not matter that every note has asked the food service people to put things back to the way they used to be? The comments were stating dissatisfaction and asking for a change! Why do they ask for our comments if they are going to keep doing things their way, regardless? I know I will think twice about pointing out the board to perspectives because of the embarrassment I would feel if they actually read some of these absurd responses from the dining service. Next time you pick up your pen to exercise your opinion, be aware! You may only get a response such as, and I quote this one from the board, "Sorry you didn't like it. Next time don't take one."

East versus West: Residential segregation at its best

Matt Meyers

Asst. News Editor

Remember freshmen orientation weekend when everyone was friendly? When walking down academic row meant smiling and saying hello to everyone who passed. If you wanted to know where a certain building was located, you could easily find someone with a smile on their face to stop in their tracks to help you.

Everything seemed perfect. Choosing to apply to Muhlenberg early decision paid off. Then suddenly something awful happened -- the upperclassmen returned.

From that point on, the campus changed. As a freshman, you would still be in the "welcome mode", saying "hi" to everyone you see. However, instead of a cheery "hello" in return, you are satisfied with a shallow grunt. As for getting directions around campus, it becomes nearly impossible.

What has happened to these upperclassmen to make them so bitter? Their housing changed. The dorms on the West side of campus offer something that the East side could never come close to -- neighbors.

Last year, when I lived on first floor Prosser, I knew everyone on my floor. That is not to say that they were all my best friends, but we have a bond that I feel will last for the rest of my time here. Doors in Prosser, Walz and Brown could always be found wide open. In Prosser, it was not unusual for someone I didn't know to stumble into my room on a Thursday night plop down to watch a movie. This is how many of my friends were made. Maybe that is the purpose of the opened door, to meet people, because once freshmen year is over you will see that making new friends is much harder to do.

The East side of campus offer something totally different -- privacy. On an average day you can walk through the tight halls of East and never see an opened door. This is probably due mainly to the fact that without a doorstop, the doors slam shut on their own.

As for neighbors or hall mates, the upperclass dorms leave something to be desired. There is something to say about this type of community however; the loudness and craziness of the freshmen dorms does not exist here. It is always quiet here, which means that studying in peace is never a problem. Also campus safety does not patrol these dormitories, giving them a more relaxed atmosphere.

As an upperclassman, I can safely say that there are advantages and disadvantages to both ends of campus. The freshmen dorms are the place to make lots of friends and have some unforgettable experiences. But the East side is where the relationships you really cherish have the opportunity to blossom.

Matt Meyers is a sophomore, majoring in Political Science.

Research amidst the trees

Biology department mourns the loss of Graver Arboretum donor

By Mike Mazzarro
Weekly News Writer

Muhlenberg College lost Lee Graver, an alumni and donor to the College, who had a great impact on the Biology Department during his lifetime.

Three weeks ago, the avid nature lover and conservationist passed away at the age of ninety-two.

> *"Lee Graver and his wife Virginia have transformed the way I teach biology and botany by providing this incredible resource."*
> Dr. Richard Niesenbaum,
> Biology Professor

Graver and his wife Virginia were responsible for donating the school's 64-acre property known as the Graver Arboretum to the College in 1994.

It took forty years for the Gravers to create the Graver Arboretum. The couple started by clearing acres of briar patches, brushes and woods. Then they proceeded to create a new environment where wild flowers, ferns, mountain laurels, native trees, rare trees and many other species of plant life could flourish and be protected.

The Graver Arboretum is open seven days a week during daylight hours to all Muhlenberg students. It is located in Bushkill Township off of route 512, about a thirty minute ride from campus.

In 1995, they created an endowment fund for the Arboretum so it could be self-sustaining without further cost to the College. This is just a small sample of the generosity shown by the Gravers to the College Community.

Science students and Professors (especially those in the Biology Department) have reaped many benefits from the Arboretum.

Students have an opportunity to visit the Arboretum, do research and set up experiments using the resources provided for them.

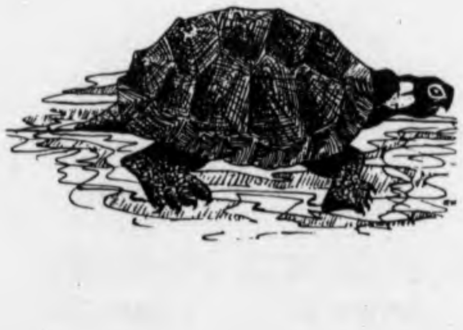
Professors in the Biology Department, including Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, have also benefited as a result of the Graver's donation. "Lee Graver and his wife Virginia have transformed the way I teach biology and botany by providing this incredible resource," Niesenbaum stated.

Along with the botanical researchers in the biology departments, many students choose to conduct ecological studies in the Arboretum. The opportunity to do research work undisturbed is appreciated by the students.

Students, especially those in the Biology Department, are indebted to Graver and his wife for providing an opportunity for them to pursue botanical, ecological, biological and scientific interests.

The Graver Arboretum provides the Biology and other departments with an outdoor classroom for research and study. The College is saddened by the loss of Lee Graver. However, his legacy will live on as long as students continue to experiment and do research within the 64-acre land preserve.

Graver was a resident of Kirkland Village in Bethlehem.



The Muhlenberg (bog) turtle is one of the illustrations in *The Lehigh Valley*, by Dr. Oplinger and Dr. Halma.

First in series of religious life presentations at Trustees' biannual board meeting

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possible endowed fellowship program, but the likely donor and Dean of Faculty, Curtis Dretsch, will be smoothing out the details in the coming months.

If the program is incurred, it will take another month or two to put together. The fellowship program has been under discussion by the College for a year.

The College will announce the program in the near future, if it is implemented.

Six Hillel students and Patti Mittleman made a presentation at this meeting. Their presentation was the first of three "religious life" presentations.

At the next full board meeting, Rev. Peter Bredlau and the Chapel House and Faith Works and Lutheran students will present to Board members. At the meeting after that, Father John Krivak and students from the Newman Center, the Catholic Student Organization, are invited to present.

Professors Rich Niesenbaum and Marjorie Hass were the faculty representatives. The student representatives were Elias Saratovsky and Adam Marles.

All four gave brief reports to the full board. They also participated in the education and student life committee meetings.

The only resolution proposed and passed involved some short-term financing, a source told The Weekly.

The College has raised $31 million, but much of that comes in the form of three to five-year pledges.

The construction workers need funding in order to make more progress. As the College moves forward, it must incur some debt.

This is not long-term debt, which can hurt the College, but interim financing, which the PR Office explained is very different.

Biology professor publishes most recent book

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Carl Oplinger of the Biology Department published his most recent book, titled *The Lehigh Valley: A Natural and Environmental History*. The book was coauthored with Dr. Robert Halma of Cedar Crest College.

The Lehigh Valley discusses the general ecology of the Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton areas of Pennsylvania. The species of plants and animals and the seasonal events in the region are detailed in an understandable format, according to Oplinger.

The book was written so that the general public with an interest in nature could enjoy this region of Pennsylvania. Oplinger and Halma utilized the park system to provide places where the public could gain access to view the various ideas about ecology presented in their book. Halma drew most of the illustration for the book. Muhlenberg alumni, Sonja Schneider and Lori Peters, a former Cedar Crest College student, were responsible for a number of sketches, as well.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 15 - Vandalism - The MILE house at 2143 Chew Street was cited for alcohol violation, fire safety code infringement and illegal entry into the basement.

Oct. 15 - Code Violation - A student in the Haas building was caught committing an academic code violation.

Oct. 16 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was triggered at 414 Albright Street due to steam from a shower.

Oct. 16 - Vandalism - Eggs were thrown at a window of President Taylor's house.

Oct. 16 - Trespass - A minor was arrested at the Trexler Library for roller blading after several warnings.

Oct. 16 - Fire - A fire was found in a cigarette receptacle in front of Trexler Library.

Oct. 16 - Theft - The magnets on the side of the weekend shuttle were stolen from the van.

Oct. 16 - Vandalism - The side view mirror was knocked off an automobile on Albright Street.

Oct. 16 - Fire Alarm - The alarm was set off in Seegers due to a burnt belt in the air unit.

Oct. 16 - Injured Student - A student split his lower lip at the Life Sports Center.

Oct. 17 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was triggered in the basement of Martin Luther Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Oct. 17 - Theft - A staff member had their credit cards stolen in the Haas College Center.

Oct. 17 - Suspicious Person - A suspicious man was reported to be walking around Taylor Mall it turned out to be alumnus.

Oct. 17 -Theft - A wallet was stolen from the Trexler Library.

Oct. 18 - Fire Alarm - Steam from a shower set off a fire alarm at 414 Albright Street.

Oct. 18 - Injured Student - A student suffered a head injury in the Life Sports Center.

Oct. 19 - Vandalism - A construction vehicle in the rear of Trexler was smashed and had front windshield smashed.

Oct. 19 - Damage to Auto - A lamp post in the rear of the library fell on a staff owned auto due to a rotted base. All lamp posts are being inspected.

Oct. 19 - Alcohol Violation - During a Residential Services inspection, underage residents of the Tremont apartments were found with alcohol. The students were referred to the Dean's office.

Oct. 19 - Vandalism - The rear drivers side window of an automobile was kicked in at the Center for the Arts parking lot.

Oct. 20 - Damage to Auto - A soccer ball damaged the side

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Operation Enduring Freedom

Wednesday October 17

Thirty-one Senate employees tested positive for anthrax exposure, officials said Wednesday as the threat of bioterrorism rattled Capitol Hill. Hundreds more lined up nervously to be tested. New York Gov. George Pataki said Wednesday that anthrax had been found in his midtown Manhattan office.

Thursday, October 18

A CBS employee who opens Dan Rather's mail and a postal worker in New Jersey are infected with anthrax. American jets bombarded the center of the Afghan capital Thursday, and residents said a strike that hit homes killed at least five civilians.

Friday, October 19

Approximately 100 U.S. commandos carried out a covert ground assault in the Taliban stronghold of southern Afghanistan, opening a new phase of the war on terrorism after nearly two weeks of punishing air strikes. Cautioned by China to spare innocent civilians in Afghanistan attacks, President Bush urged wavering Asian nations to support America's campaign against terrorism.

Saturday, October 20

President Bush challenged Asian leaders Saturday to help "save the civilized world"' by joining the war against terrorism. U.S. secret agents launched dark-of-night covert missions into Afghanistan in addition to assaults by airborne Army Rangers on a Taliban-controlled airfield and a residence of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Sunday, October 21

A District of Columbia postal worker is "gravely ill" from anthrax inhalation, and five others are sick with suspicious symptoms.

U.S. warplanes bombarded Taliban positions Sunday near a front line north of the capital, Kabul, marking what could be the beginning of a more aggressive campaign on behalf of opposition forces fighting the Islamic regime.

Monday, October 22

Two Washington-area postal workers died Monday of suspected anthrax inhalation. Two co-workers at the same postal facility were hospitalized.

Lawmakers will return to work on Tuesday in the U.S. Capitol, but surrounding Senate and House of Representatives office buildings will remain closed for at least a sixth straight day pending results of tests for anthrax contamination.

Tuesday, October 23

President George W. Bush will reportedly tell Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in an upcoming meeting that Israel must withdraw immediately from the Palestinian Authority territories. According to military analysts, bombing in Afghanistan may continue for weeks to dislodge dug-in embattlements.

Compiled by Dan Engelberg

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of a car parked at 2525 Liberty Street.

Oct. 20 - Injured Student - A student in Martin Luther was hit in the face with a soccer ball.

Oct. 20 - Alcohol Violation - Three underage students were cited for consuming alcohol at 23rd and Liberty Streets. The students were referred to the Dean's office.

Oct. 20 - Injured Student - A Prosser Hall resident suffered a head injury.

Oct. 21 - Alcohol Violation - Ten underage students in Prosser were found consuming alcohol. The students were referred to the Dean's office.

Oct. 21 - Mischief - A message board was torn off of a door in Prosser.

Oct. 21 - Damage to Auto - A side view mirror was broken off of a car parked in the Center for the Arts lot.

Oct. 22 - Accident - A student's car collided with a staff members automobile in the Trexler lot.

Oct. 22 - Theft - A mountain bike was stolen from the Center for the Arts. The bicycle was recovered but the suspect was remains at large.

Oct. 22 - Vandalism - An auto had the driver door scratched and the side mirror broken off.

Oct. 22 - Injured Student - A student in Martin Luther sprained their right ankle.

Martin Luther staff sponsors walkers in Philly

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advisor, helped by purchasing Muhlenberg team banners.

President Taylor's office donated t-shirts to the team, and Wood Catering donated breakfast. Hillel, B. Levy Bus Co., Valerie Lane of The Office of Community Service, Kelly Cannon and Rev. Peter Bredlau generously donated three buses for transportation.

As head coordinator, Schwartz was thrilled with the outcome, and is upset that he will not be here next year to participate. "It was the first time I've (as a senior) seen Muhlenberg make a global rather than local impact. While we were walking with our banner, a man who had attended high school with President Taylor recognized the College. I found it amazing that in a group of 40,000 people, Muhlenberg was still recognized and able to make an impact."

AIDSWALK
PHILLY

Muhlenberg students come together to make a difference.

PHOTO BY CHERYL WORTZEL

The walk would not have proved so successful if not for the help and enthusiasm of the students who participated and collected donations. Schwartz is grateful to those who participated. "I think that the administration should be very impressed with the students that made the sacrifice to go on Sunday. I personally thank them, and I think they are deserving of gratitude from the administration as well."

The 63 members of the Muhlenberg community that attended the walk proudly represented the College.

Dogs no longer walk at Graver Arboretum

The Advisory Committee for Graver Arboretum and Raker Preserve will no longer allow dogs to accompany visitors to the Arboretum. Due to this is a change in their policy, the Arboretum suggested that The Weekly announce this change to the campus community. According to the Committee, there has been an incredible response to recent articles in The Morning Call and The Express-Times regarding this issue. Several hundred visitors have walked through the Arboretum in the last month. Too many visitors have chosen to ignore our request to keep their dogs leashed, and to clean up after them.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown -- Victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will be remembered Wednesday during a noontime ceremony at Center Square in Allentown. The area around the Soldiers and Sailors Monument will be closed to traffic, and Mayor William L. Heydt and County Executive Jane Ervin will place a memorial wreath of fresh flowers at the base of the monument. The elected officials will be joined by representatives of the city's police, fire and ambulance services and the county's office of emergency management, including Director John Conklin.

Conklin spent days helping coordinate recovery work at the World Trade Center in New York as part of the Urban Search and Rescue Team. The public is invited to place flowers or memorials at the base of the monument.

Northampton -- While ecstasy and date rape drugs are gaining popularity among college students, alcohol still is the biggest drug problem on campuses, a local expert told a Northampton Community College audience Monday. Andrea Richmond, the director of outpatient services and drug and alcohol services for St. Luke's Bangor Health, spoke as part of a series of events at NCC to observe Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness Week. "Alcohol's still the No. 1 drug -- and it is a drug -- on college campuses," she said. "The second is marijuana; the third are prescription drugs, like Ritalin."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly sunny
High: 58 Low: 30	High: 50 Low: 28	High: 56 Low: 28

Professor shares images from Pakistan and Afghanistan

Pakistan's people: a surfeit of labor, helpers ever-present to lift, to open, to clean, to serve

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burned the place. Signs in the hallway kept you abreast of what siren sound meant what kind of attack, terrorist versus bomb versus drill and so on.

> *"At the end of the street usually stood a non-military military-looking sentry with a gun."*
>
> Fred Norling

The bar was in the basement, looking over a patio and a green lawn. It wasn't busy at this hour. The abdar (head servant) that day was a kindly, older man in a black bow tie. Suddenly it seemed seventy years earlier and I was in the company of other poo-bahs at The Club (clubs were colonial institutions). White suit, pith helmet, and all that. A snap of the fingers. "Yes, over here Abdar. Lime cooler, please." Good show.

Lahore was still on my mind that day, Kipling and the raj. All of Pakistan was on my mind, and here, in Allentown, writing this piece for The Weekly sixteen years later, it is as fresh as yesterday. The smells, the sounds, its food, the bazaars. The people. Now I hear war news, 2001, and I can remember it as if I were there, there at the North West Frontier Province, at the Khyber, in Peshawar, and with the Pathans (we know them today as Pashtuns; known by the language they speak, Pashto). God, how I'd love to go back.

I slept well that night in the government guest house in Islamabad. Although a newer city built around 1960 to replace Rawalpindi as the capital, Islamabad (City of Islam) followed the old cantonment layout. Neighborhoods in the old center were walled. At the end of the street usually stood a non-military military-looking sentry with a gun, or sitting in his kiosk, watching the comings and goings. I never was saluted so often by so many as I was during my stay in Pakistan -- a great deal of behavior seemingly needlessly deferential -- or so it may have seemed to those who knew little of colonialism and of its effects ingrained. For example, I was one of four men staying in the house; four of us served by at least a dozen men. I was "sahib" (pronounced "saab"). All of us were sahibs. Me, two other Americans and a Briton. The servant attached to me, Quasi, a young man, oh yes, he was a human alarm clock who stirred my shoulder in the morning ("Sahib, morning...morning, sahib."), who drew my bath, who offered to put out my clothes on the bed. He was but a dozen who swept the floors endlessly, who stood by the front door and saluted, who pulled my chair as I sat at the dining room table, who offered me cha (tea) in the parlor, who called for my driver, who made my bed, and who daily did my laundry. He ironed my underwear.

I'd return to my room after two eggs, bacon, and a couple of cups of tea and sukra (sugar) and my room was as if I had never stayed there, save my briefcase on the writing bureau and my coat neatly pressed yet again.

Pakistan is a land of people like Quasi, a surfeit of labor, of helpers, ever-present to lift, to open, to clean, to serve. While conflicted by a level of servitude I never imagined possible, I learned quickly never to refuse and thus offend. Instead, I strove to know and to befriend those who served me so well.

Mahmood was waiting in his car out front in the long driveway. Quasi opened the door (he was there first) and I climbed in, and smiled. Mahmood was an engineer with the Pakistani government and my local partner during my stay. Today it was his treat, a trip to a surprise place.

See Part Two next week

A truck and bus on road to Peshawar, Pakistan
PHOTO BY FRED NORLING

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Living Writers series continues with humor essayist David Sedaris

BY MICHAEL LERMAN
Head Copy Editor

Humor essayist David Sedaris spoke to a sold-out Egner Chapel this past Monday night. The audience was clearly enthusiastic, as before he arrived, Living Writers students conversed with devotees from the campus and even people who drove considerable distances just to see Mr. Sedaris.

Mr. Sedaris greeted the eager audience by reading a winking conspiracy theory about Jews in the media, then relating an anecdotal story he'd written about a wacky airport incident involving a furious lecturer, a burly female rugby team, an air-headed flight director named Pamela Dee and himself. His amusing, easy-to-read style and his own quirky personality are well-defined by his statement, "What religions call 'fate', I call 'luck'. What they call 'God's will', I call 'bad luck.'"

Turning to a slightly more serious note, Mr. Sedaris told the audience about how his life with his family, the people who are most often his – sometimes unwilling – subjects. He lamented with a grin his permanent place in the family, as "the one most likely to set your house on fire." To his listeners' bemusement, he claimed that, with his family, "conversations begin with: 'You have to swear you won't write about this...'"

"The Beef People," his next tale, recounted episodes about his sister, Lisa, with whom he is very close, most of which involved a jocular blue parrot named Henry. However, he was most sentimental when talking about his and his sister's anxieties with regard to their future portrayal in a film based on Mr. Sedaris' bestseller *Me Talk Pretty One Day*.

He offered his opinions and accounts centering around the events of and after September 11th ("Paris stopped." "You don't fear a lifetime of terror. You fear a lifetime of hearing about it."), as well as several creative punishments for the hijackers who left very specific instructions for their burials (crushing their genitals and turning them into doorstops in Jewish maternity wards). Mr. Sedaris then read his most howl-inducing story, "6 to 8 Black Men." The audience roared at his description, as told to him by a native named Oskar, of the logistics of Christmas Eve in Holland. Mr. Sedaris spun a factual web about a Santa Claus who, instead of traveling with reindeer, travels with 6 to 8 black men who used to be his slaves, who throws naughty children into sacks and kicks them or "pretends to kick them" and sometimes kidnaps them. He joked that it makes our concept of Santa Claus pretty dull in comparison.

Included in this story was a Seinfeld-esque observation that it is actually legal for the blind to hunt in Texas and Michigan. He wondered, "How do they find what they

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Sedaris signs a book for a grateful fan.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Sklar brothers perform in the Red Door

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

Students wanting to end the week with comedy found the answers on Saturday night. Twins, Randy and Jason Sklar provided a safe haven filled with stomach-aching laughter and jokes to put a smile on the poutiest of characters last Saturday night in the Red Door Café.

The two brothers, who have appeared on all of the major late-night comedy kings ranging from Conan O'Brien to Jay Leno brought with them an extensive "knowledge" of the familiar accents of American culture, a synopsis of events on campus and the quirky methodology of their parents. With a rather unorthodox comedic style that brought a sort of incoherent feeling to their monologue, filled with gaps of finishing each other's sentences and cutting off each other's comments, they still provided a very humorous set.

While still relatively young in age, no more different could two twins be -- another interesting factor in their act, with the stylish, bachelor guy to the right, and the preppy, all-American married guy on the left. They were also able to connect very well with the Muhlenberg crowd that was in attendance, dishing out the clichéd college stories, as well as other clever takes on the twenty-something generation right now. The twins have currently appeared on the television program, *Battlebots*, and have also had their very own MTV program once, titled *Apartment 2F*. Hitting primarily on late-night local television commercials, hip hop radio stations, as well as taking a cynical, but harmless, look on their own Jewish faith.

Interestingly enough, the comedians' set was so packed

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The Skylar brothers perform to a receptive crowd in the Red Door.

PHOTO BY DIANA ROBILLARD

What do you want to know?

The Question of the Week is your opportunity to read what students around campus have on their minds. Here's a chance to ask the question yourself. Politics, entertainment, campus life... what do you want to know? Send your questions to the Weekly, box 106, and find out what your classmates really think.

Riding in Cars with Boys follows a road less traveled

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

How often in life do we venture radically from a desired plan of action? Sometimes, consequences of such gallivanting adventures lead us to a path of better opportunities. Other times, straying from guidelines prove nearly fatal, and that's when your life is eligible for big-screen attention at the movies. This is the case with Beverly Hasek (or D'Onofrio). The movie based on her life, *Riding in Cars with Boys*, premiered in theaters this past weekend.

Riding in Cars with Boys, starring Drew Barrymore as the leading tragic heroine, begins and ends with a book-ended sequence of complex relationship interactions. The film follows Beverly D'Onofrio, a small-town Connecticut daughter to police dad James Woods. As a teenage girl with outrageous ambition and gusto, Beverly clearly just wants to have fun, make-out with boys and go to NYU to be a writer. Overcome by disappointment from a boy's rejection, Beverly comes to find herself in a cascading set of situations that eventually lead to her shameful pregnancy at age fifteen with a less-than-adequate mate. Interwoven as a series of extended flashbacks while on a typical present-day hero's trek to resolve the past, *Riding in Cars with Boys* demonstrates one woman's ultimate spiral down a vortex of unwanted love and missed opportunities, which may or may not have led to several genres of reconciliation.

Like many other movies that take their roots from real events, *Riding in Cars with Boys* has some drawbacks, probably due solely to dramatic license. One problem is character development, which made me question the validity of the events. As the overpowering leading character role, Beverly is an extraordinarily talented, intelligent go-getter who stops at nothing to reach the final destination for any route of travel, both literal and figurative. Ray, Beverly's silly summer fling transformed into drug addict husband, however, seems to have had no motivation that would have led him to his pratfalls and selfish mistakes.

Barrymore in the starring role.
Photo Courtesy of www.imdb.com

If for nothing else, *Riding in Cars with Boys* seems to alleviate a common misconception that Drew Barrymore is the "cutesy actress." Had this movie been more publicized in the media like other films based on true stories (i.e. *Erin Brokovich)*, I believe that this film could have been viewed as Barrymore's breakthrough dramatic role in a decently-made movie. As the flashbacks of Beverly's life culminate in chronological order, Barrymore plays the romance-seeking teen to the financially overwhelmed and neglected young wife with definitive acting prowess. She turns from warm and fun-loving to cold, hard and striving through pointed events and pivotal monologues. She takes the new role as a veteran mother with emotional and familial relationship issues to a new level in her career, and in doing so, demonstrates a versatility of talent that just doesn't emerge in other films like *Never Been Kissed, The Wedding Singer and Home Fries.*

Despite a rushed ending (perhaps due to the slightly lengthy duration of the film) and oddly sophisticated dialogue from the children, *Riding in Cars with Boys* offers a glimpse into a life without optimal choices and depicts the results of a plan gone horribly awry. More so, this movie is one of learning and reflection. As the film examines the hardships and emotional triumphs of a very strong woman, this film will appeal most strongly to girls, and isn't quite right for a light-hearted date. Raw talent and human emotion, yes -- romance, no. Just sit back, learn, and think of how good life really can be.

Phi Mu brings happiness to children's hospital

By Melanie Cohen
Weekly Staff Writer

On Saturday October 20, four Phi Mu sisters traveled to Gesinger Hospital to visit with sick children and distribute Boo-Boo Bunnies that were made by the Muhlenberg Chapter sisterhood. Gesinger Hospital is located in Danville, PA and is a Children's Miracle Network hospital. Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals throughout North America.

Each year these non-profit hospitals treat more than 14 million children afflicted with diseases, injuries, and birth defects of every kind. CMN is one of Phi Mu's national philanthropy projects.

The walls at Gesinger Hospital were covered with paintings of cartoon characters. While standing at the nurses' station, the Phi Mu sisters could hear songs like "Bingo" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb" coming from the patient rooms.

The children at Gesinger Hospital were very happy to receive their custom made bunnies. One young girl talked to the sisters about Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync. Another child they met in the elevator told them that his mom had just had a new baby; an extra bunny for their newborn sibling was joyfully provided.

The Phi Mu sorority was founded originally as a philanthropic society and the chapter at Muhlenberg has an ongoing commitment to community service projects.

Oktoberfest:

on the East Quad

Photos by Scott Swartz

Right: The Lost Trailers, who have opened for bands such as Dispatch, served as a musical background.

Sedaris entertains fans

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just shot? And can they even drive home?" This curious cynicism is the backbone of Sedaris' writing.

Eagerly, Mr. Sedaris answered questions from the audience, being both witty and thorough. Finally, Mr. Sedaris signed books, taking time to converse with his loyal fans and personalize his signatures.

Below left: Riding the mechanical bull was a challenge that some students chose to accept.

Below right: Students revert to their childhood and enjoy the large inflatable slide.

Twin comedy act...

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with well-rehearsed, original material that they did not even look to the audience for feedback or as pawns in one of their jokes, a routine that most stand-up comedians are infamous for practicing. Instead, it was the perfect opportunity for a Muhlenberg student to just sit back and relax while being entertained quite well by the wonderfully talented Sklar brothers. At first, the quality of two comedians doing a single set was questionable, but after the Sklar brothers, comedy fans were left wishing there were more twin acts in the business -- after all, two is better than one!

If anyone missed this ridiculously funny show, there will be other opportunities to catch the Sklar brothers on one of their many extensive tours around the country. You don't want to miss them!

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) -

Narrative accounts of the Christian faith in Jesus of Nazareth as Messiah and Son of God, shaped around the life and teachings of Jesus. The four named here, written several generations after Jesus' death, are included in Christian scripture; several others are known to have been written, both before and after these. Each of these four presents Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope in a different way, depending on the writer's concerns and community. October 18 was the commemoration of St. Luke, the Evangelist ("gospeler"), although even ancient tradition does not clearly assert that the gospels were strictly written by the men whose names are associated with them.

The Senior Citizens Ball was held on Saturday, October 20th in Moyer Hall. Two-hundred alumni, along with residents of nearby retirement homes, were invited to a night of dancing and entertainment sponsered by SHARE (Students Have A Real Effect). The Perkulators and the Girls Next Door performed.

Photos by Diana Robillard

Talent abounds in student-directed theater

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Production Editor

Who knew that Muhlenberg had so many talented students? Well most people knew that, but who knew that we were blessed with many talented student directors and playwrights? Well just in case you were hiding under a rock, there are up to seven student directed blackbox productions each semester. Some of these productions are even student written.

This fall *New Voices 2001* was a mainstage that included all student written work. This production included the work of Nick Thompson Miller '04, Julia Schofield '03, Gabe Nathan '02 and Eddie Honan '04. A handfull of these plays were also student directed.

Marathon Theater is a huge part of the MTA fall production season. This event is twenty-four hours of short skits straight. It is all student directed and performed. Usually one or two students organize this massive event.

Two blackboxes from last year were, "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All."

The first show was directed by Laura Feliciani, '03 and the second play was directed by JoEllen Notte, '02. These two blackboxes were not student written; however, they were a collaborative process that involved director, technical crew, and the cast. Everyone involved in each play had input and was an integral part of the creative process.

Muhlenberg students have this keen sense and imagination that enables them to possess this type of talent. The College is fortunate to have an organization like the MTA that allows students to take risks and produce on their own.

Liz Marsh '04 and Miki Liss '04 perform in Marathon Theater last fall in Parents' Plaza.

The cast of *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You* recreate the bible story in a scene from JoEllen Notte's adaptation of the play last year.

Rob Harvey attempts to get Rebecca Eckerd to kiss him in *The St. Valentine's Day Massacre*.

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Horoscopes

Aries
You are likely to see the results of all you have invested in school. You may have spent the past few years studying instead of partying, but now it pays off.

Taurus
After the past week full of stress, this week is bound to please you! You will find yourself at peace with your environment. You will make new acquaintances all week long. This is an optimum time for teamwork.

Gemini
You have been taking risks even more than usual lately. It's been a lot of fun, but whether you like it or not, stability is what you currently need. You can expect plenty of work and challenges to meet.

Cancer
The upcoming week should be calm and compelling. On top of that, it should be great fun, as you will likely feel happy, productive, and solid as a rock.

Leo
Expect a major change of pace in your life, which will come as a big relief. You may have neglected your friends because schoolwork demanded your full attention, but now life will be calmer, and you can pick up where you left off.

Virgo
The focus of the day is on business. Beginning today, you'll notice some changes in your job. You may finally have some free time. The month ahead is most promising...and expect a raise!

Libra
You can expect to get excellent results on an exam or paper. You are definitely on a roll! You will experience real transformation, and from it, growth. You've worked hard for this. Enjoy it.

Scorpio
You've been slacking. This has all been due to circumstances beyond your control. But it has been worrisome. Now you can expect a significant boost in energy.

Sagittarius
There is change looming near in your life - but don't get anxious, the outlook is excellent. You've been through this before. This will manifest as a change in your attitude. Celebrate the what this wonderful event brings!

Capricorn
You are entering a terrifically fruitful period. A lot will be accomplished this week, and it will all pay off in the end. Take each day as it comes.

Aquarius
The next few weeks will be very exciting. The position of the planets indicates great social activity. You are likely to meet a lot of wonderful people and gain new perspectives in your life.

Pisces
The emphasis in your life now is on spirituality. Expect to be in a more meditative mood than usual. You will be confronted by some big questions and will be trying to answer them on a metaphysical level.

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October 26-28

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The Muhlenberg Top 5

Places You Shouldn't Take Your Family This Weekend:

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3) A dirty dorm room
2) Maingate
1) T.G.I.Friday's

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Lobby, Seegers Union

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9pm-11pm
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Memorial Hall, Life Sports Center

11:30am-1:30pm BALLOON ARTIST
Field House, Life Sports Center

COME TO THE GAME

1pm FOOTBALL vs Ursinus
Scotty Wood Stadium

1pm Movie: SHREK
Red Door, Seegers Union

4pm-8pm FREE CHOCOLATE DIPPING
Lobby, Seegers Union

4pm-8pm FREE PHOTOSCOPES
Lobby, Seegers Union

7pm MEN'S SOCCER vs Ursinus
Soccer Field

8pm-Midnight FREE PHOTO KEYCHAINS & MAGNETS
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8:30pm BEACH BOYS TRIBUTE BAND *"STILL SURFIN"*
Memorial Hall, Life Sports Center

10:30pm-Midnight STUDENT TALENT SHOW
Garden Room, Seegers Union

11pm-3am STARSTRUCK STUDIOS
Lobby, Seegers Union

Scoreboard

Cross Country at Gettysburg Invitational
Women's Team placed 22nd
Men's Team placed 24th

Women's Soccer
Wed., Oct. 17 vs. Dickinson, 3-0
Sat., Oct. 20 vs. Washington (MD), 3-1

Field Hockey
Sat., Oct. 20 vs. John Hopkins, 0-1

Men's Soccer
Thurs., Oct. 18 vs. Elizabethtown, 1-0
Sat., Oct. 20 vs. Swarthmore, 4-0

Football
Sat., Oct. 20 vs. Gettysburg, 41-0

Volleyball
Wed., Oct. 17 vs. Dickinson, 3-1
Sat., Oct. 20 vs. Scranton, 2-3, vs. Susquehanna, 0-3

Field Hockey wins last home game of the season

By Brian Talbott
Managing Editor

Susquehanna University's field hockey team dropped its third straight game when it came to Muhlenberg this past Thursday, losing 0-1. However, the Mules lost their second-to-last Centennial Conference game against Johns Hopkins by the same amount.

The team improved its overall record to 7-8, when Junior Laura Diez, with an assist from Melissa Eicken, scored the only goal of the game six minutes into the second half. The defense allowed only four shots by Susquehanna, while the Mules shot 14.

The Mules' Eicken tied for second on the Mules' all-time list for most career assists, 14, with her fifth assist so far this season. Junior Josephine Fasolino has two saves for her fifth shutout of the season.

While playing well on their own turf, the Mules lost after traveling to Johns Hopkins this Saturday, 0-1, making this the sixth game they've lost this season by only one point. They were eliminated from a CC playoff berth as well.

Hopkins' Kelly Hewitt scored the long goal of the game, unassisted, 13:28 into the game.

Despite the fact that the Mules had twice the number of penalty corners and essentially the same number of shots as Hopkins, they simply couldn't pull the game together against the Blue Jays.

The Mules played their last game of the season against Bryn Mawr on Tuesday.

Guys...do you want to cover basketball? Girls...do you want to write about wrestling? Then contact Brian at x5536 or email at btalbott@muhlenberg.edu

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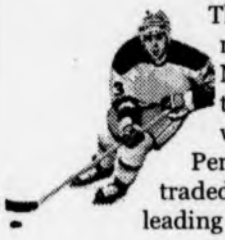
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

The New York Yankees are going to the World Series. That's been a given since the beginning of the season. But the other side is almost always up for grabs, this year going to the Arizona Diamondbacks. This is only their fourth season ever, making them the quickest expansion franchise to ever have gotten to the World Series. They won over the Atlanta Braves, 3-2, in the fifth game of the NL championship series. Craig Counsell was chosen to be the MVP after hitting .381 and scoring five runs.



The Washington Capitols' Jaromir Jagr recently signed the highest paying deal in NHL history, a seven year $77 million contract with an option year for $11 million as well. Jagr had previously played with the Penguins for the last eleven years, before being traded this past July. He has been the league's leading scorer for five out of the past six years.

The St. Louis Rams steamrolled the New York Jets, 34-14, this week, making their record now 6-0. This is their third straight season in which the Rams have started at 6-0. The only other franchise ever to have done so is the Green Bay Packers, from 1927-1931. Trung Canidate was, by far, the star of the game, rushing for 195 yards on 23 attempts and carrying for 37 yards on three receptions. Canidate scored on a 44 yard run and on a twelve yard run right up the middle from the shotgun formation. He was filling in for last year's MVP, Marshall Faulk, who injured his right knee last week.

Michael Jordan almost saved his team, the Washington Wizards, on Saturday night as they played against the New Jersey Nets. Despite Jordan's 41 points, the team still lost 102-95. Jordan shot 15-for-24 from the field and 9-for-11 from the line, as well as scoring 16 of 20 points during a five-minute stretch of the third quarter, making the first dunk of his comeback and going 6-for-6 with two 3-pointers during the run. While Jordan had an amazing game, the rest of the team failed to perform. The Wizards outscored the Nets by 16 points when Jordan was playing, but were outscored by the Nets by 23 points when Jordan was on the bench.

Men's Soccer has to win F&M to move to CC playoffs

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critical."

Freshman Tim Sparta scored the first goal of the game, his fifth career goal, with 23:02 on the clock. Lee followed ten minutes and twelve seconds later with an assist from Junior Kevin Welding. Ben Long scored next, followed by Lee again with an assist from Freshman Chris Davis. Muhlenberg's offense destroyed Swarthmore's, outshooting the team 22 to four. Davis got his third straight shutout, also getting two saves.

The Mules are still tied with both Haverford and Western Maryland for the last playoff spot in the Conference, both of whom beat the Mules earlier in the season. "To make the Conference playoffs, we need to win the last two games. Gettysburg has to lose to Hopkins, and Franklin and Marshall has to lose to Hopkins. We're getting some momentum. Elizabethtown, while not in the Conference, is one of our biggest rivals. It was a great win," expressed Tipping.

Wednesday's game against Franklin and Marshall is "bigger than huge. To win this game, we need commitment to practice and to transfer that to the game," said Tipping. "We also need to have a lot of intensity. They need to be absolutely committed to winning this game. We know we have a good team. They just have to apply themselves."

The Mules will have their last regular season game against Ursinus on Saturday.

Football shuts out bullets 2nd time in 2 years

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down run. This touchdown was Bernardo's only touchdown of the day, but it gave him a school record of 17 touchdowns for the season.

On Muhlenberg's first offensive possession of the second quarter, Josh Carter fumbled the ball and it was recovered by the Bullets on the Mules' 41-yard line. Gettysburg marched down the field in seven plays and was on the Mules 19-yard line looking to score a touchdown when Junior Bo Rodrigues intercepted a pass thrown by Bullet quarterback Gavin Beier. Rodrigues returned the ball 54 yards to the Bullets' 34 yard-line. This turnover set up a 22-yard field goal attempt for the Mules. Reed, however, missed the kick and although the Mules physically dominated Gettysburg, they only led by seven points at halftime.

Both the Bullets and the Mules failed to score on each of their first offensive possessions of the second half. On the Mules' second offensive possession of the third quarter, the team scored their second touchdown of the game. On third and sixteen at Gettysburg's 18-yard line, Jones completed an 18-yard pass to Carter. Reed converted the extra point attempt, increasing the Mules' lead to 14-0.

The fourth quarter marked an explosion for the Mules, with the team scoring four touchdowns, more than half of their total points. Jones had three touchdown runs of forty-one, four, and seventeen yards respectively to put the game away for good. Senior Kamali Roberts scored the final touchdown of the game on a three yard run with 2:50 remaining in the game to extend their lead to 41-0. The score stood for the rest of the game.

This Saturday for Family Weekend, the Muhlenberg football team (5-2, 4-1) faces Centennial Conference opponent Ursinus (4-3, 2-2) at Scotty Wood Stadium. The game kicks off at 1:00 p.m.

Through the Lens: Homecoming

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Saturday Home Games

Football vs. Ursinus at 1:00

Women's Soccer Conference Championship
Tournament at 11:30 and 2:00

Volleyball vs. Baptist Bible at 10:30

Volleyball in tight competition for first

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Despite dropping a couple of non-conference matches during the past week, the women's volleyball team is tied for first place in the Centennial Conference. The Mules suffered defeat at the hands of both Scranton and Susquehanna on Saturday, but thanks to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays, the Mules got their hands on a share of first place. The Blue Jays shocked Franklin & Marshall by sweeping the Diplomats and virtually deadlocking the entire conference. As of press time, there were five teams tied for first place with identical records of 7-2.

Head Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman is excited about the competition the Conference has seen this season. She said, "More and more teams are stepping up. We no longer have just two dominant teams; we have six." She also believes that the rally scoring has enabled the Mules to contend with traditionally stronger teams.

"Twenty wins is a good milestone to reach."

-Head Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman

The Mules put themselves into playoff contention with their impressive Homecoming victories over Gettysburg and Washington (MD). The volleyball team didn't drop a game all day as it swept both teams, 3-0.

The Mules followed up their Homecoming victories with another conference win against Dickinson on Oct. 17. Against Dickinson, Senior Laura Funsten tied a school record with 8 service aces while also tallying 39 assists and 15 digs. Juniors Meghan Billie and Dana Ferrelli led the offense against the Red Devils with 37 kills between them. Muhlenberg as a team set a school record with 18 service aces in the 4 game match. The Dickinson match "wasn't really pretty, but it was a good win," commented Warmack-Chipman. "It was good to beat a team we should have beaten," she added.

Following the match against Dickinson, the Mules traveled to Scranton to face both the University of Scranton and Susquehanna. The Mules had a rough day offensively as they failed to win even a game between the two matches.

Funsten had a career-high 13 kills in the first match against Scranton and earned her thousandth career dig in the evening match against Susquehanna. Funsten is only the fourth player in Muhlenberg history to reach this milestone. Warmack-Chipman points to Funsten's leadership as a big part of the Mules' success this season. She said, "Laura is a big leader on this team. She has led the team for three if not four years. Her work ethic is strong and her teammates have confidence in her."

Looking to rebound from their losses in Scranton, the Mules traveled to nearby Cedar Crest where they challenged the Falcons on Monday night. The Mules looked strong as they put away the Falcons in three straight games. Funsten raised her season assist total to an even 900 with 35 assists in the match. Billie and classmate Jennifer Leigh paced the Mules offensively with eleven and nine kills respectively. Freshman Tara Trudnak had career-high six kills in her starting role.

Even though the Mules lost their two non-conference match-ups in Scranton, they still moved up in the Centennial Conference standings thanks to Johns Hopkins sweeping Franklin & Marshall. With five teams tied for first place and room for only four teams in the conference championship tournament, it is important for the Mules to win their remaining games. As it stands now, the Mules have the possibility of recording a 20-win season. Coach Warmack-Chipman said, "Twenty wins is a good milestone to reach."

When talking about the tight competition and the fact that the Mules are in the midst of a playoff hunt, Warmack-Chipman said, "I think it's exciting." The Mules wrap up their season against Baptist Bible College this weekend. "It will be senior day, and it would be great to end with a win at home," commented Warmack-Chipman.

Soccer hosts Conference Championship over Family Weekend

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to the NCAA's and won their first round game before falling to the eventual champion in the second round.

The Mules have now won their last 13 games and are 23-1-1 in their last 25 Centennial Conference games. Against Washington, Sophomore Sharon Seggel had a goal and an assist while fellow Sophomore Courtney Levine and Freshman Rebecca Armstrong also tallied goals for the Mules. Jenn Arrow assisted Armstrong's goal. Muhlenberg outshot Washington 36-9 on the day.

Prior to facing Washington, the Mules defeated Dickinson College. In defeating the Red Devils, Junior goalie Kim Laurino chalked up her seventh shutout of the season. She recorded seven saves against the highest scoring team in the Conference. In the contest, Levine scored two goals, one assisted by Sophomore Dawn Iberer and Armstrong, and the other assisted by Michele Zito. Iberer had a goal of her own that was assisted by Armstrong, as well.

The Mules wrapped up their regular season action against Ursinus on Tuesday night. The Centennial Conference Tournament comes to Muhlenberg this coming weekend with semifinal games beginning at 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The winners of the semifinal match then advance to the finals, which are on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Michelle Zito assisted Sophomore Courtney Levine in the last goal of the game as the Mules shutout Dickinson, 3-0, last Wednesday.

Cross country prepares for CC's

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

The cross country team charged into last weekend's Gettysburg Invitational with both individual and team goals on its minds. The men's and women's rosters didn't include the top runners, all of whom were being rested for this weekend's all-important Conference Championships at Dickinson in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Those who ran at Gettysburg were vying for the last few roster spots on the team heading to Dickinson.

The women were led by Sophomore Erica Norey who finished 96th. The team placed 22nd overall. Norey, a member of the Mules' "pack," already had a spot on the roster heading to Carlisle. However, she decided to race at Gettysburg anywise, in large part due to its flat course, a course similar to that of Dickinson, one which she is admittedly "not a big fan of." Norey was followed by Laura Garland, Melissa Carrelli, Kristin Tylenda and Kristy Miles who finished 102nd, 140th, 146th and 155th respectively. Norey also commented, "It was very evident that everyone put in 100% effort in their races, even in the absence of the rest of our teammates."

Despite a 24th overall finish, the men did not leave Gettysburg dejected. They were led by Senior tri-captain Bob Bergmann who finished 147th but whose time of 30:29:06 was a personal best on a flat course. Matt Lundy was the second Mule to cross the finish line when he came in 156th. He was followed by Scott Hamilton, Christopher Martin, Jordan Corbman, Ethan Fearn and Dan Isanuk, who finished the race 157th, 162nd, 169th, 170th and 178th.

The men making the trip from Allentown to Carlisle will be led by tri-captains Brendan Gallagher, Robin Holden and Bergmann. It will also feature Hamilton, Corbman, Lundy, Fearn, Brian Cash, Rob Unszkiewicz, Nate Horst, Michael Bonchonsky and Rich Kipp. Bergmann believes going into the Conference, the Mules "have a lot of confidence and we feel we can beat last year's finish."

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Football shuts out Gettysburg 41-0

Offense garnered 503 total yards

By Michael billet
Weekly Sports Writer

Over 3,000 people were in attendance at Musselman Stadium to see the Muhlenberg football team (5-2, 4-1) face the Gettysburg Bullets (2-5, 0-4) this past Saturday in a Centennial Conference match. The Mules trounced on the Bullets, 41-0, with four touchdowns coming in the final quarter. Last year, the Bullets lost to the Mules by an identical 41-0 score. The last time the Mules shut out an opponent in two straight seasons was Scranton in 1957-1958.

Junior quarterback Justin Jones had a terrific game, passing for 125 yards and rushing for three touchdowns, all coming in the fourth quarter. Jones led a dynamic offense, which compiled 503 total yards. Sophomore running back Matt Bernardo carried the ball 28 times for 176 yards. Overall, the Mules' running game carried the offense with 339 total yards. Junior wide receiver/kick returner Josh Carter was the leading receiver of the game catching three receptions for a total of 60 yards. Carter also returned seven punts for 114 yards. Carter broke his own school record for yards on punt returns in a season with 460. With 1,477 career yards on punt returns, he needs four more to break the Centennial Conference career record. Carter also went over 2,500 receiving yards for his career.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Sophomore Matt Bernardo led the offensive ground game adding to the final total of 339 yards, with 169 yards on 28 carries. He also scored the only touchdown of the first half, his 17th of the season, also a school record.

The defense was led by Senior linebacker Jon-Paul Skarpetowski, who was honored by sharing co-defensive player of the week honors by the Centennial Conference. Skarpetowski led a Mule defense that allowed only 151 total yards and nine first downs. He recorded 12 tackles, and he also broke up two passes, one on fourth down and ran three yards for a first down on a fake punt.

The game started off slowly for the Mules. On the Mules' first offensive possession of the game, they drove down the field to set up a 26-yard field goal. Junior kicker Chris Reed missed the field goal and the Mules turned the ball over to the Gettysburg Bullets. On the next offensive possession for the Mules, Jones completed a 21-yard pass to Junior wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri, and Bernardo carried the ball four times for a total of 31 yards, including a 13-yard touch-

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Soccer succeeds

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team clinched home field advantage for the Centennial Conference Tournament by defeating Washington (MD) last Saturday. The Mules remain atop the Conference with a spotless 9-0 record against Centennial Conference foes. With the win, the Mules have also assured themselves at least a share of the regular season Conference title.

The Conference tournament, which will be held at the College for the second consecutive year, takes place this coming weekend. The winner of the four-team tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Last year, the Mules advanced

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Men's soccer records third straight shutout

By Brian Talbott
Managing Editor

The men's soccer team has recorded its third straight shutout this past week, its second on Thursday against Elizabethtown and its third on Saturday against Centennial Conference Opponent Swarthmore with a final score of 4-0.

The Mules, ranked tenth in the Mid-Atlantic Region, defeated eight-ranked Elizabethtown on Thursday, Oct. 18 in a closely matched game at Ira R. Herr field, with a final score of 1-0. The Blue Jays previously had an eight game winning streak. Junior Ben Long scored his 43rd career point 59:40 into the game, finishing the game out for the Mules.

While Elizabethtown outshot Muhlenberg eleven to four, the Blue Jays couldn't get past Freshman goalie Chris Davis, who recorded nine saves, making this his second career shutout. This is the first time that the Mules have defeated the Blue Jays since 1995 in the NCAA tournament.

The Mules reached double digit wins for the fifteenth time in the past sixteen years on Saturday as they recorded their third straight win against Swarthmore, 4-0. Sophomore Mark Lee led the game, scoring two goals and assisting on the remaining two.

"We know we have to win the last three Conference games. Saturday's was a big game. The players have made a decision to win. We have good players," said Head Coach Jeff Tipping. "The commitment level has risen because they knew we have to win. Lee, who was injured earlier this season, has also come back to immensely help the team. The leadership of our two captains has also been

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Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Ben Long scored the third goal of the game on Saturday, as the Mules shutout Swarthmore.

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New dorms to open for spring semester

Furniture to be added by December when construction is set to halt

By Mike Mazzarro
Weekly News Writer

The College has seen a substantial increase in interest and acceptance rates over the past decade, which has made the demand for housing on the campus rise, as well. In an effort to quell this demand, the College is opening two new residence halls for the spring semester: Robertson Hall and South Hall. The halls are "twins," that is, they mirror each other's features. These particular dormatories will be different than any other residence halls on campus. They are both four stories high and are divided into two separate "houses." The first and second floors are combined to be the bottom "house" and the third and fourth floors comprise the top "house." Each "house" will have its own simplex card. Thus, those that live in the "top" house cannot access the lower house with their simplex.

Each suite will house four students. The individual rooms are nine and a half feet

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A family pauses from their luncheon on Saturday during Family Weekend.
See story on page 9. PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Weekly profile: Celia Kam

People we see every day

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

In the Garden Room, Celia Kam can be found overseeing fellow employees and conversing with students around lunch or dinner hours. Jake McNamara, '05, was wearing a Cornell University t-shirt one day last week. Kam noticed his shirt and commented to McNamara that her son went to Cornell. After they talked for a few minutes, McNamara said, "She's always friendly and she smiles a lot."

Kam moved to the United States from Hong Kong 31 years ago, when her youngest son was five. Before beginning her work at the College, Kam held other jobs in food service for five or six years. When the local real estate company Celia worked for moved to Florida, Kam quit her job there as a hostess so her family could stay in the area. She started looking around for another job and found one with the College. "The first thing I thought was that it would be a nice environment to work in," said Kam. That was eighteen years ago.

Kam started out working about 20 hours a week in the dairy bar in the Garden Room and is now the dining room supervisor. As supervisor, Kam oversees scheduling, food supply, employees and acts as the link between students and management. "My customers are my first concern," said Kam.

No matter what she's doing, Kam can always be seen with a smile on her face.

Kam continues to work to help send her five children through school. "I enjoy [my work]," she said. "You have to

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In the Garden Room, Celia Kam stands behind the deserts.
PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

College issues prominent at mayoral debate

Candidates share similar views on issues outside the "bubble"

By Alex Fichtel
Weekly News Writer

At an on-campus debate between Allentown mayoral candidates Roy Afflerbach and Bob Lovett, the two responded to a variety of issues and questions including crime, economic development and campus-neighbor relations.

The candidates, though sharing similar views on many issues, had different opinions over the relationship between the College and City. Candidates were asked about their opinion on the overlay ordinance, which restricts the living arrangements of students in the proximity of the College.

Afflerbach said, "I understand the goals of the ordinance, but I believe it is discriminating in its concept and I believe eventually, it will be declared unconstitutional." He sees a contract between the city and school as a solution to the problem. Lovett feels strongly about the quality of the neighborhood. "What about neighbors' rights? The ordinance was proposed to protect single family homes and protect the character of neighborhoods," Lovett stated, "I agree with that principle." He supports compromise and negotiation over this issue, but noted that there is a perception that the College is unwilling to negotiate.

> *"Students live here ten months a year, but they are viewed as transients. Are students residents?"*
>
> Bob Lovett

Neither candidate was in favor of implementing permit parking in the neighborhood. Lovett described it as unnec-

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Candidates' misdirected focus

The Allentown mayoral elections are approaching, quickly. Last Tuesdays debate, held in Moyer forum, should have showed students why the City of Allentown remains a shadow of what it once was. The two prominent candidates, Republican Bob Lovett and Democratic incumbent Roy Afflerbach are both focusing on reducing crime. But does it really stand out as the biggest problem in the city?

When driving down Hamilton Blvd. it is easy to see why the city is in disrepair. In between the pawnshops it is not a surprise to see one of many vacant storefronts. Sure, crime is a major issue, but the candidates should also be looking at the decreasing population. If this trend continues, when seniors pass away, there will be nobody to fill their homes.

Whoever wins, they will surely put great effort into fighting crime, but if there is nobody left in the city, who will be committing the crimes?

Sure, crime is a major issue, but the candidates should also be looking at the decreasing population.

The candidates also talked the relationship they intend on having with the College. They both seemed very interested in having a positive relationship with the College, and willing to compromise. Lovett and Afflerbach both consider parking a serious problem for the College. This may be the only thing the candidates differed on that night. Both had distinct goals to combat this problem. Of course any student driver at the College views this as the single biggest problem we have. Maybe Lovett and Afflerbach should take a drive down Chew Street. Seeing the beautiful homes in West Allentown and continuing five blocks down and seeing extreme poverty may just open their eyes to the tasks that should be at hand.

Letter to The Editor

On November 6th, Democrat Roy Afflerbach will square off against Republican Bob Lovett in a race that will determine who will serve as the next Mayor of Allentown. In the past two years, several student organizations combined efforts to register hundreds of Muhlenberg students. Most students opted to register to vote in Allentown, joining faculty, staff, and evening college students to form a sizable voting bloc. As a result, the Muhlenberg community will be a factor in deciding who will occupy City Hall for the next four years.

Both Afflerbach and Lovett offer fresh ideas to solve many problems that plague the city. However, Afflerbach seems to be a good match for Allentown and better understands the issues that affect the Muhlenberg College community. He will prioritize his efforts to deal with the issues of crime, education, and economic development.

Afflerbach developed a nine-point plan to effectively alleviate the city's widespread crime problem. The recent armed robbery on Allen Street reminds us of how widespread crime is in Allentown. Lovett believes that murders, shootings, and drugs get a lot of attention from newspapers, but citizens are more concerned about quality of life crimes such as noise, garbage, and loitering. Lovett's position is dangerous, while Afflerbach's action plan will improve the morale of the police force, lower the crime rate and get drugs off the streets. Few Muhlenberg students ever take advantage of the culturally rich downtown district.

Previous attempts have failed to revitalize the area, however Afflerbach will convene an Economic Development Cabinet made up of city, private sector, and community representatives. His life long political connections will assist him in his endeavor to give a new lease of life to the downtown area.

Afflerbach also understands the issues that affect the College community. He believes that the overlay district, a policy that prohibits more than two non-relatives from living in the same house, is unfair and a discriminatory practice. The overlay district was established to curtail the number of Muhlenberg students that live in off-campus housing. Muhlenberg currently owns several MILE houses that have three or four bedrooms, but only permit two students to reside in them. If Afflerbach is elected mayor, he promises to work with local residents and the Muhlenberg management team to reach a fair agreement. Moreover, Afflerbach will work with the College to alleviate the ongoing parking situation.

The Morning Call writes Roy Afflerbach offers the better program for Allentown to address its problems and to restore a shine to its image. With our efforts this Tuesday, the Muhlenberg College community can be the deciding factor and elect Roy Afflerbach the next mayor of Allentown.

-- Elias Sarotovsky

Campus technology: an asset or a weakness?

Rachel Kleiner
Weekly Columnist

In the year 2001, it is apparent that technology has touched all aspects of life. Most people embrace these changes as being positive ones, but that may not always be the case. Individuals, especially college students, should examine this revolution below the surface to see if it says something about our culture or maybe even holds the answer to what life will be like in the future.

There are numerous noises heard while walking through the dorms of Muhlenberg, or any college for that matter, one of the most distinctive being the 'ding' of the IM. Since the dawn of this new era of communication, students no longer need to venture out into the "big bad campus" in order to make plans, swap gossip, or even maintain friendships. Gone are the days when person-to-person communication was the norm. Smiling faces have been replaced by bright yellow emoticons, which hold the responsibility of conveying our deepest emotions. Granted, IMing someone is a lot cheaper than a long-distance phone call, but does reading words fulfill the same void as hearing someone's voice? Especially for those people who live in neighboring dorms, instant messaging is just a tool that promotes segregation and isolation. Those who use instant messenger exclusively have no need to go out into the world and meet new people. Instead, they can just hop on the computer and have the comfort of talking to those they already know. When it is used in addition to phone calls and friendly hellos, IMs may serve a valuable purpose but when one's only means of communication is the "Send" button, a reevaluation might be necessary.

Ten years ago, when a professor handed out the topic for a research paper, those students who wanted to start early would head over to the library. They would begin the long and tedious process of sifting over thousands of books, articles, and newspapers in order to find the information they were looking for. With the birth of the World Wide Web, all that has changed. Now students can stroll back to the dorm, double click on "Internet

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For art's sake

Beth Raupers
Weekly Columnist

I live on the theatre floor, yes, Muhlenberg has a theatre floor, and it is designed to house those of the same interest to further the theatre major's interaction. It pays to be a theatre major at Muhlenberg: not only does a floor accompany the deal, but the respectable Baker and Empie Theatres, a recital hall, a full costume store, rooms with truck entrances for set construction and neat little light-up dressing rooms are included. Majors graduate with a sense of confidence and professionalism, knowing that their experience was somewhat conducive to a real world theatre life. Do I think that theatre majors should have such amenities? Yes! Am I jealous? Coincidentally, I am one of many jealous art majors who care just as much about a career in the studio as those who walk the stage.

"Wonderful Town" wouldn't look so wondrous if staged in the Seegers Union lobby; viewers would walk by, stop for while, and think: "Man, get these guys a stage or something!" That same sentiment courses through my brain every time I pass through a dorm room cramped with canvases or clay projects that cannot fit in the meager "lockers" allotted to art majors. However, one will rarely encounter a Muhlenberg dorm room teeming with pieces of artwork; most majors have accepted the reality that their work will be critiqued by a professor and otherwise ignored, thereby dropping incentives of artistic progress. The display of work is a crucial part of any artist's career and should be understood at an early stage of the trade. It's relatively simple: if a painter cannot exhibit work, no one gives any feedback or wants to commission the painter. The artist is left without responses from viewers or ways to grow and enhance skills based on outside responses. I assume this school wishes to promote success and make connections with the art world before art majors go crazy and cut off ears. A student gallery would be a pleasant start on that path.

But why stop at a gallery? Much more can be done. In the CA, one cannot help but encounter works-in-

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Jordan returns, but is he pushing his luck?

Evan Halperin & Jeff Morro
Weekly Columnists

Nearly everyone can remember Michael Jordan's final shot as a member of the Chicago Bulls; the crossover fade away that sealed the fate of the Utah Jazz in the 1998 finals. Jordan retired on the top of his game, riding the crest of his third straight world championship.

Michael felt that he had surely accomplished everything that he could as an NBA player. His numbers can defend any argument that he was the best to ever play the game. His leadership made him a legend. After his retirement, Jordan undertook numerous business ventures, including a very lucrative clothing line, as well as partial ownership of the Washington Wizards franchise.

Clearly, Michael was always striving to make himself the best he could possibly be, whether in business or in sports. On Tuesday, Michael made his triumphant return to the NBA at Madison Square Garden, an arena that played host to some of MJ's most classic moments. Michael will put his reputation on the line as he attempts to reinvent himself in a new uniform. It is obvious that there is still air left in his sails, but the question remains -- is there enough?

Michael has made a career of hitting key shots and stepping up his game in the most clutch situations. He was even granted the nickname "Air Jordan" after his electrifying dunks earned him his first slam-dunk contest win over the all-star Dominique Wilkins. Jordan frequently made the impossible seem routine, especially during playoff time. Ultimately, Jordan meticulously built his case for the title of the NBA's finest.

Yet, there are some lingering questions that have dampened the championship celebration in Washington. How close will MJ ever be to the player that we all come to know and love ten years ago? Even more importantly, will MJ be hurting his reputation as the best? The NBA has changed as a league since Jordan's last retirement; players like Kobe Bryant and Vince Carter have established themselves as the stars of the post-Jordan NBA. It is doubtful that Kobe and Carter will be gracious enough to relinquish their stardom just because Michael Jordan is back.

> *It is obvious that there is still air left in his sails, but the question remains -- is there enough?*

For as long as we can remember, MJ has never disappointed fans with lack luster performances. In fact, MJ went nine full seasons without scoring under ten points, a statistic that is just mind-boggling. For Michael to be effective in this third career, he must have enough stamina to play enough for his team to win. If MJ can't handle playing everyday at the ripe old age of 38, then he is in for a challenge. On the other hand, Michael looks as sharp as ever. He still doesn't miss foul shots and has the knack for draining that trademark fade-away jumper. When Jordan steps on the court this season, wearing his coveted "air-Jordan's," he will place his spot in history on the line in pursuit of one last run at greatness.

Another college student commits suicide

Lucas Tomanelli
Weekly Columnist

Last Friday, I came across an article at the website of The Daily Pennsylvanian (UPenn daily newspaper) that troubled me severely. Jose Joseph, a junior at the Wharton School of Business, was found dead on that Friday morning from an apparent suicide. Mr. Joseph, authorities said, jumped eight floors from his apartment in Hamilton College House on the UPenn campus. As of Sunday, Oct. 28, no more details had been released from the university's sources, and thus, we have been left to wait for the release of more information to be disclosed to the public. However, despite the lack of detail in this case, it is not necessarily needed; another college student has committed suicide, and this is, without a doubt, an issue that deserves our undivided attention.

In our days as high school students (particularly our upper class years), we tend to dream about what college has in store for us. We think about not having to go to class all day long, partying into the earlier morning hours of the new day, and most of all, we await the freedom that we will soon possess. Additionally, we think about opportunities a college environment will hold for us, the friends that we will make, and experiences that will ultimately change our lives. To a high school student, the gates to higher education hold more than classroom buildings and thesis statements; they hold the key to a new stage of our lives. Consequently, when we hear about another college student taking his or her own life, we find ourselves trying to understand how an environment that once held so much promise could now be a place where people choose commit suicide.

The reasons for Mr. Joseph choosing to commit suicide have not yet been released, so it's impossible for me to claim accurately that the college environment at UPenn had anything at all to with his decision. However, it's no mystery to anyone that more and more, college has become a breeding ground for stress. Parents want their children to be successful; there is a natural urge to compete for the recognition of those around you, and all in all, we find ourselves striving to attain maximum achievement in many of the things that we do. There's nothing wrong with striving for achievement, but when things get to a certain point, we need to recognize that as human beings, we can only do so much.

As I stated before, I don't know the facts behind Mr. Joseph's suicide, nor do I know if stress had anything to do

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Explorer," type in the address to one of the many search engines available and a wealth of knowledge is right at their fingertips. This amazing technological wonder has made it easier than ever to access all kinds of information but it has also contributed to the laziness of the average college student. The Internet is a helpful tool, but how much is it helping when those who use it don't even know what the inside of Trexler Library looks like?

Life on college campuses has changed dramatically since technology became a part of the student's daily life. The way things are done now show almost no similarities to the communication and research methods of the past. The question to be asked is: although these advances have increased the ease of certain tasks, have they really contributed to our quality of life or have they perhaps taken away from it?

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progress crammed into corners, drying oil paintings smeared by reckless accidents and old works from years past still waiting to be picked up and taking up space. Space and security: art majors have neither. Personal rooms, studio locks, more classrooms, better access to supplies and a student gallery are only a few changes that should grace Muhlenberg campus. These are also the goals of the newly founded Art Association, a creative and driven group of art majors bound to make some positive changes for the betterment and involvement of the major. A college cannot thrive on weak majors, but with some exertion, perhaps Muhlenberg's visual arts will be worth boasting and working for.

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Weekly Discourse: Small school environment

Fostering or impeding student participation?

Hannah Margoles

Weekly Guest Columnist

Being at a small school, one might automatically think that there are less opportunities. However, "bigger" does not determine amount of opportunities. At a large school, one lecture may encompass up to eight hundred students; do you really think that the professor even knows half of them? How about the actual professor even coming to class? Many times it is the TAs instead. So you, or more truthfully your parents, are spending thousands of dollars for your higher education, in which the professor does not actually teach the class or even know your name. How could this professor give you a recommendation for graduate school or an internship or a career opportunity when he or she not only does not know your capabilities and interests, but also does not even know that you exist?

> *...instead of scrambling to find a professor who might possibly remember you, most students have a hard time narrowing down the list of who they want to ask for a recommendation.*

At Muhlenberg, this is most definitely not the case. The classes are small in number, and relationships are fostered between students and professors everyday, not in special cases. Many professors and students are even on a first name basis. The professors at Muhlenberg know all of their students' names, as well as what each student is interested in. When it comes time to ask for recommendations, instead of scrambling to find a professor who might possibly remember you, most students have a hard time narrowing down the list of who they want to ask for a recommendation.

Also, Muhlenberg has an excellent relationship with its alumni. Every year, students participate in a Shadow Program offered by the Office of Career Placement and Development. This program matches current Muhlenberg students and a Muhlenberg alumnus/ae currently working in the students' career field of interest. Last year, I participated in this program and found it very rewarding.

Another feature of the great relationship between Muhlenberg and its alumni is the "Alumni in the Classroom Week." During this week, alumni working in all different career fields return to Muhlenberg for classroom presentations, informational interviews with students, networking fair, and career panels.

These are just a few examples of how a smaller school can more easily place opportunities at your fingertips, when, at a bigger school, you must laboriously seek them out.

Sarah Niebler

Weekly Guest Columnist

While some may say that small schools provide collective identity and a sense of family among students, I find that at times that Muhlenberg's small school mentality and community stifle students to the point that they are afraid to stand up for what they believe in. Students here feel powerless to change existing policies and practices of this college. Yet, we do not even know how to go about changing the status quo.

Students here feel unable to affect the happenings of the college since we have no place to candidly express our opinions. We have a Student Council, but I do not believe we see the results of what the Student Council accomplishes. And even Student Council is an administrative run organization. I am proposing a different way of thinking and a new way of communicating.

We need an open student forum at Muhlenberg. We need a place to gather together and talk about what changes we would like to see in the world at large and in our little world that is Muhlenberg College. Often times, it is easy for all of us to believe that Muhlenberg College is the only world out there. The small college setting makes it easy for us to look around, see a privileged group of young people, and forget that poverty, homelessness, and hunger exist all around us. If we do not see those things that need to be addressed, what incentive do we have to change them?

Muhlenberg has had forums that have encouraged people to speak their minds about what is going on in the world. Unfortunately, those forums were infrequent.

We need to institute open forum discussions on a regular basis. We need to break out of the small college mentality and look at the world in a large sense. The next time you have the opportunity to speak out, take it! If enough of us say, "This is wrong," maybe we can make it right.

Another college suicide

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with it. Yet, at the same time, this horrible occurrence serves as an example that college isn't always the utopian land that we envision it to be as high school students. Enjoy your time at college, strive to do your best both for yourself and for the community; but always remember that when things speed up, to pull over, slow down and relax for a bit.

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New dorms provide the best of both worlds

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wide by about eleven feet deep. The amenities included are a common living area, a kitchenette complete with microwave and refrigerator, one shower and toilet per suite, and sinks in the bathroom and the hallway.

The common area and the individual rooms overlook Muhlenberg Lake. All of the individual bedrooms are equipped with phone and network jacks.

Rooms will be equipped with air conditioning and heat, and the furnishings should be similar to the beds, desks and drawers found in Taylor Hall.

Each two-floor house will share a two-story common lounge. Tables and chairs will be set up on two levels for students to interact in a larger community setting than the suites allow. A full kitchenette including a dishwasher, will be located in the common lounge's lower level.

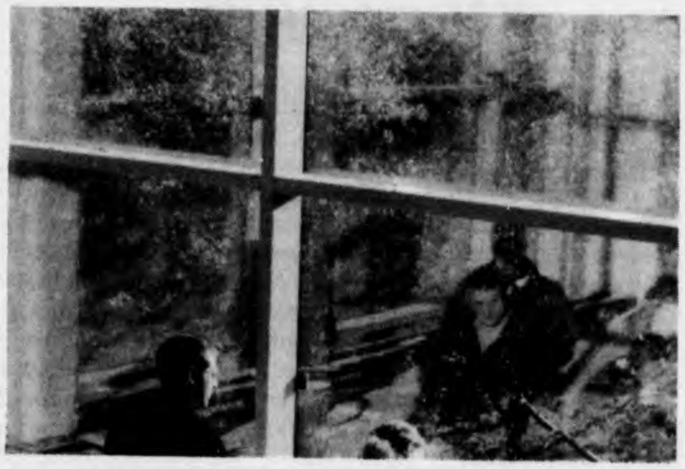
Computer jacks will be placed throughout the common lounge. Each house will have a laundry room, but there are no designated computer labs in the buildings.

A unique feature of the new dormitories is the outdoor amphitheater space. At the far end of the courtyard from Chew Street there is a going to be a stage. The presence of a stage and floodlights on the roofs of both the dorms will allow for evening performances to be held. Ramps lead to each of the separate houses, and in-between the two dorms is a courtyard. This courtyard has a number of terraces that will act as seating for the audience.

According to Plant Operations Director Michael Brewer, the College's main goal was to combine the student's preference for a single room, while maintaining the community aspect of the campus.

Hence, each student receives a single room yet they have the opportunity to socialize with other students with whom they share a suite. They also have the opportunity to spend time with other residents of their "house" in a two-story common lounge.

The construction aspect will halt on December 14, at which point the College will take over to furnish the suites for next semester.



A view from the two-story common room of the new dorm.
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Post senior year: Spain and South Korea

Two recent graduates reap the benefits of Fulbright funds

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

Two 2001 alumni, Nina Forsberg and Katie McCleary, are overseas taking part in the Fulbright Scholarship Program, a prestigious post-graduate award that lasts for one year. Each prepared feasible study proposals in her application and is now enjoying a year of study in a foreign country.

> *"Assimilating into another culture is somthing I feel everyone should experience."*
>
> Katie McCleary, '01

Forsberg, who majored in English and minored in Environmental Studies, is taking part in the Teaching Fulbright Program in South Korea. She is an English Teaching Assistant at a co-ed middle school. She teaches English to all 550 children at the school.

Forsberg is the third student from the College to travel to Korea as an English teacher through the Fulbright program. She lives with a family on the volcanic island of Chejudo, which is called "Korea's Hawaii" since both places have similar conditions. She is still undecided about her Fulbright research project, but she said, "I think I am going to study beach pollution on this small fishing community and peanut farming island off of Chejudo." In her free time, she takes Tae Kwan Do lessons, learns Korean painting and traditional drumming, and goes scuba diving and running.

McCleary, who majored in History and Spanish, is part of the Study Fulbright Program in Madrid, Spain. According to McCleary, she is researching "the perception of women under Francisco Franco and the ways the Catholic Church also influenced this perception" and then relating that information to "the way domestic violence in Spain is handled." When she applied for the Fulbright Scholarship, she decided to base her proposal on her study abroad experience in Spain during her junior year of college.

Aside from the opportunity to research in Madrid, McCleary enjoys living in another country and learning about different customs. She said, "Assimilating into another culture is something I feel everyone should experience. It shows you the positives and negatives of your own culture."

McCleary also enjoys traveling around Spain. She recently went to Barcelona to visit another Fulbright student.

Nina Forsberg and Katie McCleary at a champagne brunch for postgraduate awards.
MUHLENBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Forsberg commented that being the only non-Korean in her neighborhood is not easy sometimes. There are also cultural differences, like greeting the elders and eating everything that is served, which are sometimes hard to remember. Forsberg said, "This experience is so valuable, and I could not imagine another thing that would be as valuable to my future life as this."

To prepare for the job as English Teaching Assistant, Forsberg and the 43 other Fulbright Scholars chosen from the United States took part in a six week language and cultural training program at a university. The scholarship recipients were then assigned to different parts of the country, with some teaching middle school and other teaching high school.

The Fulbright Program is named after Senator William J. Fulbright, a significant leader in promoting international understanding. The program started shortly after World War II to encourage understanding among various nations of the world through education and cultural exchange. The program is offered in 140 countries worldwide and is funded by the United States and interna-

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 23 – Harassment – Five passersby harassed a female student on the corner of 25th & Liberty Streets.

Oct. 23 – Vandalism – A car parked behind the Center for the Arts had a side view mirror kicked off.

Oct. 23 – Hit & Run – A student driving in the 26th Street parking lot was hit by another automobile. The driver then fled the scene.

Oct. 23 –Suspicious Vehicle – A neighbor living at 2152 Chew Street reported that a suspicious vehicle was parked in front of their home. It turned out to be two people waiting in the automobile.

Oct. 24 – Vandalism – A car parked at 2411 Liberty St. was broken into. Nothing was stolen.

Oct. 25 – Suspicious Person – A resident of the Hamilton Linden Apartment complex reported a suspicious person. Police found no one.

Oct. 25 – Injured Student – A student cut his chin at Wegman's supermarket on Tighlman St.

Oct. 25 – Accident – A blue & white college van collided with another vehicle on Chew.

Oct. 25 – Accident – Two employees of Wood Food Services collided in the Seeger's parking lot.

Oct. 25 – Theft – An East Hall resident reported that some of their clothes had been stolen out of a dryer.

Oct. 25 – Theft – An automobile's hubcaps were stolen from the Benfer lot.

Oct. 26 – Apartment Invasion – Two black males approximately 25 years old, 6'1", 215 pounds, one wearing a gray and red shirt and blue jeans, and the other wearing a black jersey and black pants pushed their way into an apartment located at 2230 Allen Street. They proceeded to hold up the occupants using a shotgun while they robbed the premises.

Oct. 26 – Disorderly Conduct – A member of the Ursinus College soccer team was suspended from the College after being cited for yelling obscenities at a game against Muhlenberg.

Oct. 28 – Noise Violation – A student, Alfredo Mercuri, was arrested in the Tremont Apartment complex for disorderly conduct.

Operation Enduring Freedom

Wednesday, October 24
Investigators said they have discovered anthrax in a new location in the Hart Senate office building Wednesday evening, even as another congressional office building became the first to reopen since a letter contaminated with the bacteria was discovered last week on Capitol Hill.

Thursday, October 25
A State Department mail handler lay ill with inhalation anthrax Thursday and the besieged Postal Service set up spot checks at facilities nationwide as the bioterror scare widened. Home sales and orders to factories for big-ticket items plunged in September, and the number of Americans drawing unemployment benefits now stands at an 18-year-high-- the strongest evidence to date that the country has entered a recession. After attacks from the air and the mail, officials worry the nation's food supply could be next.

Friday, October 26
Traceable amounts of anthrax were discovered Friday in the offices of three congressmen in a House office building as evidence of bioterrorism spread on Capitol Hill. Health officials in the nation's capital recommended antibiotics for thousands more people Friday as a precaution against anthrax. Based on handwriting analysis and sophisticated profiling, investigators suspect one person wrote the three letters contaminated with anthrax.

Saturday, October 27
The Postal Service buried a mail handler killed by anthrax - the second funeral in two days. In what witnesses called the heaviest such strikes of the air campaign, U.S. warplanes staged a daylong assault Saturday on Taliban front lines in the north of Afghanistan.

Sunday, October 28
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed Sunday that a New Jersey postal worker has inhalation anthrax, and the Justice Department said the microbe has been discovered at an offsite facility that processes its mail. State health department officials confirmed Sunday that one of two female postal workers hospitalized had inhalation anthrax.

Monday, October 29
The FBI issued a new terrorism warning Monday asking Americans to be on the highest alert for possible attacks in the United States and abroad. Vowing to protect Americans from "any threat whatsoever," President Bush set up a task force on Monday to stop would-be terrorists from entering the United States by tightening up enforcement of immigration policies.

Compiled by Daniel R. Engelberg III

City mayoral candidates' debate

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essary and only a last resort, noting that it is cumbersome and difficult to enforce. Afflerbach reiterated his support of contracts between the City and College, stressing that the City needs to be flexible.

Candidates were asked about their view of the relationship between the College and the City and where they wanted students to get more involved.

Afflerbach was eager for student involvement in the city, listing internships and a variety of volunteer and community service organizations as places for student involvement. Lovett responded to the question with a pitch for the Discovery Center in Bethlehem.

An audience member asked candidates, "Students live here ten months a year, but they are viewed as transients. Are students residents?" Lovett encouraged students to vote, to become Allentown residents, join neighborhood watches and civic associations.

Afflerbach said they are residents and suggested that they get involved in local, and especially state politics where a lot of student aid comes from.

Fulbright award recipients

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tional governments.

Dean of Academic Life, Carol Shiner Wilson, commented that the Fulbright Program's emphasis on international understanding is especially important now, since the events that occurred on Sept. 11.

Wilson explained that both the Study and Teaching Fulbright awards last for one year, but only the Teaching Fulbright is renewable. Both awards are fully funded, including the student's transportation to and from the site, and both are very competitive. The country to which a student applies, however, has an effect on the competitiveness.

Since many students apply for sites in England, Spain, France, and Australia, it is more difficult to obtain a scholarship in those countries. The sites and study plans usually grow out of the student's interests and past experiences with programs like study abroad.

Dr. Albert Kipa is the campus faculty advisor for the Fulbright Program. He works with a small committee to help students with their applications. Wilson believes the College has a very strong applicant pool for its size. She also commented on how the Fulbright Program is often "life-transforming" for students.

OFF CAMPUS

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga -- The university took disciplinary action against two students, Michael Knaby and Jim Casey, accused of stealing 2,000 copies of the student newspaper. Both UTC wrestlers, were apparently angered by an article in the university's newspaper, after two other wrestlers were arrested for assaulting another man. According to Editor Jamie Lackey, the administration said disciplinary action against the two men was taken, but university policy prohibits the release of the details of these judicial proceedings. "No matter what, they got away with it," Lackey said. "What they wanted was for students not to see the story, and they didn't."

Lehigh University -- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded Lehigh University a $468,000 grant to continue the goals it set five years ago with Project Impact, a program aimed at reducing alcohol abuse. Project Impact was created in 1996 when Lehigh and nine other colleges received five-year, $821,000 grants to change the culture of alcohol on their campuses. The goal of the program is to help identify environmental factors that encourage alcohol abuse and its consequences, and to change attitudes about alcohol. The five-year grant supporting Project Impact expired Aug. 31. The new four-year grant will enable Lehigh to build on Project Impact and support the university's commitment to a healthier and safer environment, said John W. Smeaton, vice provost for student affairs.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 69 Low: 42	High: 68 Low: 40	High: 65 Low: 37

Norling holding a British Enfield rifle. The man to his rear is holding a local make. See story on page 7.
Photo courtesy of Fred Norling

Garden Room supervisor Celia Kam

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enjoy what you're doing or you make yourself miserable."

"She's a fantastic woman," said General Manager John Pasquarello. "We're very fortunate to have her on board," Pasquarello continued.

The nature of her job allows Kam to interact, not only with her fellow employees, but with the students as well. "[Students] come to her with questions, comments or concerns," said Pasquarello.

Given the opportunity, she always offers the same valuable advice. "Hard work always pays, regardless of how much you get paid," said Kam. "Always try to improve yourself. One of these days, you'll get recognized."

The Strange Ride: Farewell to Mahmood

A professor shares images from Pakistan and Afghanistan

Part 2 of a three-part series

TOYS & SPORTS

Murree street scene.
PHOTO BY FRED NORLING

BY FRED NORLING
Weekly Guest Writer

"The only sure way of beating the hot weather entirely was to avoid it. The time-honored custom of taking refuge in the Hills persisted...(c)entral and state secretariats retired annually to the nearest hill stations and wives and children followed suit, with a number of husbands taking local leave to join them for a month or two." (Plain tales from the raj, ed. by C. Allen, p. 146.)

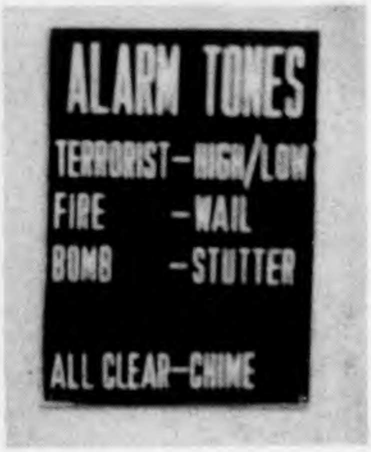
We went to Murree, in the Murree hills, one of those hill stations where officers and functionaries retired during the hot days on the plains, days of mosquito netting, of human fans, of endless tea to keep down the fever. The switchback roads winding up to Murree were impressive. Once at our destination, I found a lively town with its own bazaar, rug stands, everyday provisions, animals, and soldiers on patrol. It was grey, cold, and the crust of a frozen slush covered the ground. We had lunch.

The road to Murree, especially down in the lowlands, was what I experienced everywhere I traveled. Bedford trucks belching fumes (Bedford was a British-GM venture; you see Bedfords everywhere) and all manner of animal and human traffic, microbuses (light lorries with motor-cycle engines), rickshas, bicycles, speeding buses straining under the weight of too many passengers.

After a stroll, we headed further north. The road and the land grew noticeably quiet. We entered Kashmir. A wide spot in the road was as far as we'd go that day. I climbed out and took pictures to the east, at the dark hills but a few miles beyond me. It was quite misty, and I couldn't see the Indian troops if my life depended on it, but I'm sure they were there, as were elements of the two Pakistani divisions facing oppositely. This region was the site of two major engagements in my lifetime and, today, 2001, it remains in complete dispute. (Since Sept. 11, there have been serious hostilities in Kashmir.)

The road back to Islamabad was dark at night, without much reflective material or signage (a common observation by foreigners). You'd see the eyes of animals and dark figures walking with sticks, fighting the night chill with their dark blankets. In Islamabad, a city of broad boulevards, of government edifices, and of a grand palace on the hill built for General Zia, illumination was not much better. Yet, I felt safe everywhere I went. I often walked neighborhoods at night. I'd stand at the end of the street and visit the sentry, offer a cigarette (Marlboro, a sure way to win friends and influence people), chat away, achieving some understanding. I'd show a photo of my family, or draw Pennsylvania in the sand. I'd try "America," or "Dizzzzneeee." Maybe "Reagan." Wonderful conversations.

It was during one of those walks soon after my arrival when I came across a man squatting. I thought he was sick. I offered him a hand. I learned later, confused by his angered outburst at my offer, that he was going to the bathroom and that this was quite common, if very private and not to be disturbed. Further along my walk I reached Islamabad's bazaar. There I watched rug merchants dig holes, pour onion juice and urine on the new rugs, and bury them to age them more quickly. I ate some curried rice. I wandered into a neighborhood miles from my guest house and spoke to children. Everywhere I went people stared, but they smiled when I spoke to them. I felt very, very comfortable. Perhaps it was a curiosity in my L.L. Bean anorak and Rockport walkers. If I knew less of the dangers (and there were none), perhaps I was better for it. I took these walks daily, spending virtually no time with my cotenants at the guest house.


ALARM TONES
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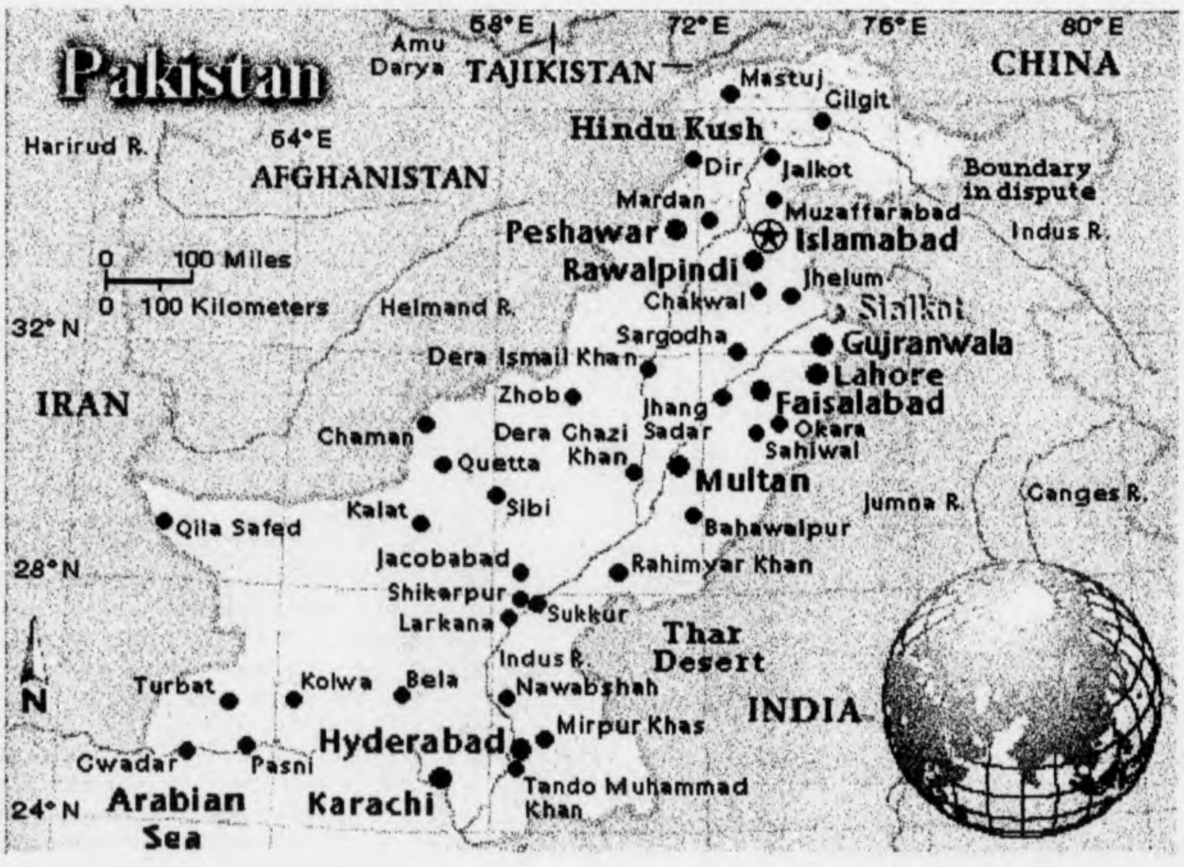
FIRE —WAIL
BOMB —STUTTER
ALL CLEAR—CHIME

A sign in the hallway of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.
PHOTO BY FRED NORLING

I said good-bye to Mahmood; that night for the last time and gave him a present (a pack of cigarettes — everyone smoked). I never heard from him again, but I presume he is okay, perhaps much more gray and still enjoying those little airline bottles of booze I slipped through customs. I went inside the guest house and to the kitchen, a place where guests never went but where I had visited often. I was there to talk to the servants, to smoke, to while away my time as I waited for a call from my wife (back then, you placed a reservation for an international telephone call, and you'd wait an hour or as much as a day before the phone would ring and the operator would tell you if your call had gone through).

See Part Three next week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Pakistan: Norling traveled from Murree hills to Islamabad (Northern Pakistan)

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Family Weekend: A time for togetherness

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

Family Weekend, a time for students to introduce their parents, siblings and loved ones to their friends, professors and their new lifestyle at college, is a wonderful experience for everyone involved. This past weekend, families both recollected and shared many new experiences on Muhlenberg's campus.

Formerly known as Parents' Weekend, the renamed Family Weekend's ultimate goal is to enable parents and siblings to see their son, daughter, brother or sister in their college environment. For first-year students, this may be the first time since move-in day that their family has seen them on campus. When speaking about Family Weekend, Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, explains, "In many cases, in the two months that the student has been at college, there has already been maturity, growth and personal development." Along with observing the extent to which their family member has matured, parents and siblings are also offered a chance to meet the student's friends, roommates and professors. Senior Emily Eger liked this idea, commenting, "It was fun to meet everyone's parents."

Above: Dave Binder performs his "James Taylor Show" on Friday night. Below: Families gather in the festively decorated Field House for Saturday's lunch.

PHOTOS BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

As a result of the various activities that were offered by the College, there was no room for boredom during the three family oriented days. Bruckner says that during Family Weekend, "There is something for everyone. There are athletics, theatre, religious and spiritual events and faculty discussions, which have proven very popular over the past few years." While there were a wide array of activities from which families could choose, some of the more popular events were the student performed musical *Wonderful Town*, Dave Binder's "James Taylor Show," the Beach Boys tribute show, "Still Surfin," the student talent show and the volleyball, soccer and football games. There were also ongoing activities in Seegers Union, such as photo booths and chocolate dipping.

Senior Karen Palazzini enjoyed having the ability to choose from a vast selection of activities. She says, "Not only was it nice to spend time with my family, but the Beach Boys show was also really fun."

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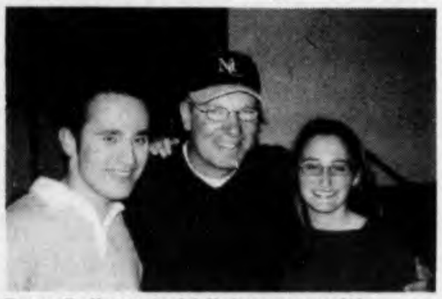
Former umpire speaks out

BY ED BYRNE
Weekly Guest Writer

Muhlenberg students, faculty and staff gathered in the Moyer Forum Wednesday, Oct. 24, to hear former major league baseball umpire Dave Pallone speak about his life and career. He brought with him his old face protection mask he used when working behind home plate. The mask, he says, protected him from so much more than the Nolan Ryan fast balls. It represented the psychological mask with which he hid his identity because he is gay. Pallone also says that the bigotry is so great in major league sports that he feared for his job and his life every day of his career.



Dave Pallone (middle) poses with Sophomores Justin Buchbinder and Kate Dischino.

PHOTO BY ED BYRNE

His childhood dream was to be in major league baseball, and when it finally came true, he could not let anything get in the way of his dream. Pallone held up a small box to the audience, saying, "Baseball demands that you fit inside their box". Pallone subscribed to the rigid structure, conformed to the box, and closed the cover so no one would ever figure out his secret. When he turned the box around and placed it on the stage, it resembled a closed closet, which he says is where he was for the majority of his life and career.

All of that changed in 1988 when the New York Post published a story claiming that a paid informant of theirs knew Pallone was gay. Major League Baseball later fired him, claiming that he would not be able to handle the pressure that this revelation would bring. His book, *Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball*, includes other rationales the League officials gave him for his termination. They boiled down to the fact that baseball executives did not want a gay man in the sport.

Dave Pallone came to Muhlenberg and other colleges with a message of hope. Pallone explains that it's not the players that usually have a problem with sexuality, but

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Question of the Week: *What did you do to prepare for Family Weekend?*

"Absolutely nothing, my parents don't care how clean my place is."
-Robin Holden '03

"I cleaned my room!"
-Emmy Goldin '05

"I made reservations at the Shanty."
-Meredith Libercci '02

"We made a list of entrees for our parents to feed us."
-Lisa Valerio '03 and Jessica Kaplan '02

COMPILED BY SCOTT CHESTER

Wonderful Town displays 'Berg talent

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Production Editor

The musical *Wonderful Town* opened on Friday, Oct. 26, in the Empie Theatre. Directed by Charles Richter, this show is a playful, romantic romp into New York circa 1930. The two main characters, sisters Ruth and Eileen Sherwood, are beautifully portrayed by Mia Scarpa '04 and Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03, respectively.

Ruth, the sarcastic, "boyish" sister is a hopeful writer longing to find a job. She has trouble with men but finally finds love with an editor played by Adam Kemmerer '02, who loses his job for her. Scarpa and Kemmerer play these parts with ease and grace. Eileen has all the luck with men, with constant suitors calling on her. Lambert-Ryan commands the stage with her genuine beauty and presence.

The show begins by setting the stage with a fun number describing Christopher Street, a street in Greenwich Village filled with artists, writers and actors. The story moves along to find the sisters wishing they were back home in Ohio, with a comical number that resurfaces later in the show. Moving along, Ruth then sings about her romance troubles in "One Hundred Easy Ways," in which she gives the audience advice on how to lose a man. Another noteworthy number in the first act is "Pass the Football," sung by Wreck (Rafael Bish '03) and the ensemble. Bish plays the lovable yet dangerously strong football player. He, too, commands the stage with his powerful voice and jovial presence.

> *"...I can't believe how professional the actors seemed."*

The showstopper of the first act is "Conga," where Ruth and several admirals of the Brazilian navy dance a hilarious version of the conga. It was the perfect finale to the first act. The second act started off with a beautiful Irish ballad beginning with TJ O'Connell '03 singing about Eileen's beauty. The clarity and precision of O'Connell's voice was a pleasure to hear. The audience learns from the song that, even though Eileen is not Irish, these policemen love her all the same.

The next number, "Swing," included alluring dancing with an energetic flair. The choreography for this show was incredibly versatile. From ballet to Irish-step dancing, nothing was compromised. "The Wrong Note Rag," sung by Eileen and Ruth in the nightclub, was a smash as well. The camaraderie between these two was very real, and the harmonic blend of their voices was incredible.

As *Wonderful Town* has a cast of nearly 50, it is a great opportunity for many performers to shine. Even the ensemble members have little moments that showcase them throughout the play. Brian Cordeiro '03 as Appopolous, the artsy landlord, was quite funny and had impeccable timing. Nicole Cerone '02 as Violet, the friendly harlot, was hilarious and original. Matt Micucci '04 especially stood out with his be-bop persona of Speedy Valenti gracing the stage. Micucci danced along, speaking in rhyme and making the audience smile. Frank Lippencott, one of Eileen's many suitors, played by Shawn Foster '02, is also an amazing character that the

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life! *movie listings*

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The One
Fri. and Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:00
K-Pax
Fri. and Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:10
13 Ghosts
Fri. and Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 8:15
Riding in Cars With Boys
Fri. and Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10
From Hell
Fri. and Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 7:50
The Last Castle
Fri. and Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:50
Bandits
Fri. and Sat.-9:50; Sun.-7:45
Corky Romano
Fri. and Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50; Sun.-1:50, 4:50

Lehigh Valley Mall

Monsters, Inc.
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Domestic Disturbance
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Rocky Horror Picture Show
Fri. and Sat.-12:00 midnight

Through the lens:

Miniature pumpkins decorate the bronze statue of the turtle in Parent's Plaza.

Happy Halloween!

Photo by Jamie Buckwalter

The Muhlenberg Top 5

Costumes not to wear this Halloween:

5) Squirrel
4) Campus Safety Office
3) Gary Condit
2) Osama bin Laden
1) Hazmat Employee

By Kelly Anne Robertson

Pallone serves as inspiration to students on campus

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coaches, athletic directors and managers of teams and sports programs. Pallone was invited to speak at Muhlenberg by the Gay-Straight Alliance, a student club that promotes and educates the campus on issues of sexuality and offers support to gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Muhlenberg community. Justin Buchbinder '04, current president of the GSA, was quite enthusiastic about Pallone speaking at Muhlenberg. "Speakers such as Dave Pallone help the campus grow in understanding of our differences and pushes us more towards a completely inclusive environment."

One of the more pointed parts of Pallone's talk was when he reminded us, "We all know someone who has or will contemplate suicide over an issue of sexuality."

One of the most touching stories he related was a letter from a gay teenager who was on the verge of committing suicide when Pallone's story changed his life. Pallone is deeply moved that his story is changing and saving lives. When asked if he would ever return to baseball to be an open role model working in the profession again, he said he would decline the invitation because his current work is too important.

> *"We all know someone who has or will contemplate suicide over an issue of sexuality."*

Pallone commented about the work being done at Muhlenberg. He was very interested and supportive of the programs and events of the GSA. Commenting that there is always work to be done, he was very impressed with the success of the GSA's "Coming Out Against Homophobia" program where over 200 students and staff members wore pins signifying their support of gay rights. Pallone looked out to the audience at this talk and said, "This is not a big crowd, but it's a diverse crowd, and that's progress". He urged all to believe in the ripple effect for social change. "When people hear gay, they think sexual being, not human being, and that must change."

Life in Hell: *Hughes Brothers'* From Hell *is a masterpiece*

By Michael Lerman
Head Copy Editor

From Hell, Albert and Allen Hughes' Jack the Ripper film, is too intelligent to be considered post-modern horror, too fantastic to be considered documentary and too impressive to be considered anything less than great.

Johnny Depp stars as British inspector Fred Abberline, an opium addict who sees visions that lead him to solve unsolvable crimes. His partner, Sergeant Godley (Robbie Coltrane, best known for playing James Bond's Russian ally), informs him of the brutal and graphic murder of a prostitute. Soon, several prostitutes are found dead, all slaughtered deliberately and systematically. No doubt, it's Jack the Ripper. And Inspector Abberline is the only one who can even begin to find him. With the help of kindhearted prostitute Mary Kelly (Heather Graham), a friend of the deceased, and William Gull (Sir Ian Holm), a senior doctor to the Royal Family, Abberline uncovers a JFK-style conspiracy that will ultimately find him face to face with Jack the Ripper himself.

Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

The Hughes brothers successfully synthesize horror, suspense, and drama within the "Who is Jack?" storyline. Based on the graphic novel of the same name by Alan Moore, *From Hell* keeps the audience on the edge of their seats, and as much as that is a cliché, it's true. Suspects abound, and the movie practically throws the audience alongside Abberline, who desperately tries to halt the body count and keep Jack from getting his sinister hands on Mary Kelly.

Johnny Depp's performance is surprisingly low-key. He expresses very little besides opium-induced stupor and melancholy. On the other hand, schlock-queen Heather Graham is surprisingly convincing as Mary Kelly, in her best acting turn since 1993's *Six Degrees of Separation*. Supporting veterans Coltrane, Holm, and Ian Richardson (as Depp's superior) bring subtle poignancy to their roles, but the true star of the film is the faceless Jack the Ripper, whose identity is dramatically revealed at the end.

While Depp's subpar acting is not very noteworthy, the gore level is extremely high. Even die-hard fans of the indie hit *Cube* and the *Mortal Kombat* series will cringe at Jack in action or upon Abberline's discovery of the bodies. It's that gross. The weak at heart should probably think twice before seeing it, or at least seeing it alone.

Overall, *From Hell* qualifies as a masterpiece, with a villain darker and more literate than any of the gimmicky horror movie killers of the past several decades. Unless the sight of blood makes you faint, there's no reason to miss this film.

Girls can play football, too

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

Just a halftime mockery show, or a chance for some hardcore ladies to show their abilities? To some, the premise of hearing the words "girls" and "football" in the same sentence is a funny proposition in itself, but the truly unique idea of Powderpuff football does actually work with some likeness to the real thing. On Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Muhlenberg versus Ursinus football game, the two opposing Powderpuff teams played at halftime. One team consisted of Alpha Chi Omega sorority sisters and independents, and the other included both Phi Sigma Sigma and Delta Zeta sorority sisters. Being that it was Family Weekend, not to mention that many people would love to see a bunch of girls attempting to trample each other, the game drew a relatively large crowd.

The players prepare for the game.

Photo by Scott Swartz

The girls were full of spirit. They all looked equally prepared and impressively well-versed in the sport, as they executed a number of well carried-out plays and set their teams up with strong offensive and defensive players. Not only were these girls eager to play the game, they also dressed the part, being clad in old football jerseys of different colors.

Much of the help that went into the planning of this event which was organized by senior Christina Covello, who is also a member of Phi Sigma Sigma and a player in Saturday's game. Then came the unenviable task of bringing together a bunch of willing ex-football players to coach each team in their quest for victory. However, each of the coaches handled their job quite well, judging by the performance each of the team displayed during their short

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND?

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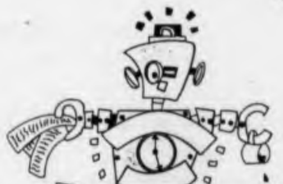
4 bands 9-11pm (Red Door)



"Robot Attack
"GTC"
"Smashed by Cars"
"Fire Down Below"

Friday, November 2
7-9pm (Red Door)
Student Talent Show

9pm-2am (Red Door)
Karaoke

8pm-Midnight (Seegers Lobby)
Wax Hands

Saturday, November 3
10pm-2am (Red Door)
South of the Border Dance Party
(co-sponsors: The Perkulators & Communidad Latina & MAC)

Sunday, November 4
SECOND ANNUAL *SEAN CUNNINGHAM VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT*
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Wednesday, November 14

MAC MEETING at 5pm
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7 pm (Red Door) Movie "Remember the Titans"

Mark your calendars...Coach Herman Boone (the person Denzel Washington portrayed in "Remember the Titans") will be speaking in Moyer Forum on Thursday, November 15th at 9pm.

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Aries
Information is doubly powerful in your hands when the Moon is in Aries. If you're ready for permanence, this is the hour to strike.

Taurus
Forget the rules. Taurus is in this for the feeling. Pour heart and soul into a special project. You'll have results when they're good and ready to happen.

Gemini
Gemini is at the top of everyone's list. Coworkers are eternally grateful for your input. A timely introduction could prove to be the start of a beautiful friendship.

Cancer
Yield under pressure. Cancer isn't strong enough to resist forces unleashed by the Aries Moon. Enjoy the freedom that you still have.

Leo
Rise to your next challenge with spirit and style. Love bridges the gaps between people. Show your devotion by acting in someone else's name.

Virgo
Work takes over your life. Make time for those who are valuable to your immediate needs.

Libra
What do you really want, knowledge or comfort? If you have to ask this question, you're facing a complex issue. All you can do is to announce your wish and hope that the universe will respond.

Scorpio
The responsibility is yours. Success or failure rides on the decision that you make today. The bottom line is either your goal or your doom. You get only one chance at this.

Sagittarius
All parties involved share an understanding stronger than any contract. You're confident about taking chances when you know that someone will catch you if you fall.

Capricorn
Everyone is complaining these days. Keep business matters out of the home and family matters out of the office.. By mixing your colors, you may end up with a shade that nobody can stand.

Aquarius
Move easily into an unfamiliar situation. Your appearance pleases, your voice carries and your product sells. As the new month approaches, it's time to start telling a new story.

Pisces
You hold a gift that makes no sense. Use what fate has tossed you, even if you have to make it up as you go. With luck, no one else will have a clue, either. The wheel is about to get reinvented.

Courtesy of www.astrology.com

Families congregate on campus

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Throughout the past few years, Family Weekend has evolved at the College. According to Bruckner, "It used to be just a chance for students and parents to see each other and have dinner, but it has now become more of a chance for the student to introduce his or her parents to the campus and to really show the beginning of the personal transformation." Amber Gerhart agrees with the beneficial alterations that have been made. "This was the best Family Weekend yet. I had a great time."

Who says girls can't play?

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time on the football turf.

There can only be one winner to any competition, and Saturday's game ended in favor of Alpha Chi Omega and independents. However, it was a fair fight between the two.

Still think that girls can't play football? Tell that to any one of the dozens of brave ladies who dared to step on that turf Saturday afternoon and challenge their toughest competition. So, next time you hear the words "Powderpuff football", wipe that grin off you face, because it is pretty close to the real thing.

A *Wonderful* show

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audience both loved and felt sorry for at the same time because of his neurotic antics. "It was an excellent play that really showcased the talent of Muhlenberg. I can't believe how professional the actors seemed," said Sally Thompson '04.

Another aspect of *Wonderful Town* that worked very well was the orchestra. The live music really added to the atmosphere and backed up the cast quite well.

"Overall, I thought it was a well-performed show. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed the Saturday evening performance. We found ourselves laughing, which made our *Wonderful Town* experience a family event to remember," said Kate Purkert '04. *Wonderful Town* was a hit with Muhlenberg families.

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Three runners earn All-Conference honors

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

Prior to last Saturday's Centennial Conference Championships at Dickinson, cross-country Coach Linda Andrews told her men and women squads to "dig deep within themselves." The Mules responded with their best performances of the season.

The women were once again led by Senior captain Katie Garrett, whose thirteenth place finish helped lead the team to a overall sixth place finish. Garrett's performance earned her Second Team All-Centennial Conference honors, which is a first in her remarkable collegiate career. "I never dreamed I could make Second-Team All Conference," she stated.

Freshman Jenna Belisonzi was the second Mule to cross the finish line when she finished in 33rd. The Mules' pack was led by Brittani Gagnon and was followed by Diana Garretto, Stephanie Melka, Erica Norey and Gail Morris. They finished 42nd, 49th 50th, 66th and 68th respectively. Garrett also commented that the team was "pumped and ready for this race and I think we all came through and did what we set out to do." If that means she intends to lead Belisonzi and the five-member pack into Bethlehem in two weeks for the Division III Regional Championships at Lehigh, she achieved that goal. Indeed the aforementioned seven top women runners will be racing at Lehigh for a chance to race at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Junior Tri-Captain Brendan Gallagher and Sophomore Rob Uniszkiewicz's eleventh and thirteenth place finishes helped lead the men's squad to a fourth place finish overall. Those two Mules were also named Second Team All-Centennial Conference, which marks the first time in the team's history that two men have both been named All-Conference the same year. Uniszkiewicz was "surprised and excited" about having made Second Team All Conference.

The rest of the Mules pack consisted of Brian Cash, Rich Kipp, Michael Bonochonsky, Nate Horst and Tri-Captain Robin Holden. Led by Cash, they finish 14th, 35th, 40th, 48th and 54th respectively. The Mules' strong showing at the Conference Championships may, in part, have to with the fact that, "We showed up with pride and did what we had to do" Uniszkiewicz said. Like their female counterparts, the men will head into Bethlehem to compete in the regional championships. "I can't wait to show the region what our team is made of," Uniszkiewicz added.

Football entertained with 11 turnovers

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his first career touchdown from the one-yard line and the Mules went in leading at half 16-7.

After a scoreless third quarter, that featured a turnover by each team, the Mules were the first team to score in the fourth quarter. On the Mules' first drive of the fourth quarter, Jones completed a 63-yard pass to wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri that resulted in another touchdown, putting the Mules up by 16.

However to the Bears' credit, they would not go away. On their next drive, Rahill completed a 27-yard pass to Dale on a 4th down that set up the Bears at the Mules 12-yard line. On the very next play from scrimmage, Duncan was unstoppable as he waltzed his way into the end zone to make the game competitive once again. This touchdown marked Duncan's second touchdown of the game. Duncan carried the ball 25 times for 121 yards. Ursinus failed on a two-point conversion.

On their next possession, the Mules traveled down the field and put kicker Chris Reed into field goal position to secure the win for the Mules. Unfortunately, after a high snap, Reed was unable to get the field goal attempt off and the Mules ended up turning the ball over to the Bears on downs. After the turnover, the Bears traveled 89 yards down the field, converting on a key fourth down. They scored another touchdown as Rahill completed a 24-yard pass to Dale in the end zone to cut the Bears' deficit to three points.

After a three and out by the Mules, Ursinus was still down by a field goal. The Bears started off from their own 20-yard line with 1:18 remaining in the game. The Mules' defense came up big at the end, forcing an intentional grounding call. Then, Junior Mike Koth and sophomore Nick Otranto sacked Rahill for a loss, putting away the game for good.

This week, the Mules (6-2, 5-1) travel to upstate New York (6-2) to face the Hartwick Hawks.

:Mule Minutes

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, The Mules (11-5, 5-3) overcame an early 1-0 deficit to defeat Franklin & Marshall by a 6-1. Junior Michael Hochkeppel tied the with a ground shot from the right side, and Sophomore Mark Lee fed classmate Evan Smallwood in the box at 29:38 for the go-ahead goal.

The team overcame a 2-0 deficit in the final 30 minutes to defeat Ursinus, 3-2 on Friday, Oct. 26, in its regular-season finale and clinch a berth in the CC playoffs. Their inability to score came to haunt them 10 minutes into the second half when the Bears took a 1-0 lead. Just 98 seconds later, Ursinus extended the margin to 2-0 when a Muhlenberg defender kicked the ball into his own net for a potentially demoralizing own goal. For the second time in three days, however, the Mules came back to win — something they had not done their first 15 games Freshman Tim Sparta began the comeback when he volleyed the rebound of a saved shot into the back of the net.

Less than five minutes later, Junior Tom Hartey tied the game with a goal under the crossbar and little more than a minute later Long converted a pass from Smallwood for the game-winning goal.

Scoreboard

Cross Country at Conference Championships
Women's Team placed 6th
Men's Team placed 4th

Women's Soccer
Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Franklin and Marshall, 2-0
Sun., Oct. 28 vs. Johns Hopkins , 1-0

Football
Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Ursinus, 23-20

Men's Soccer
Wed., Oct. 24 vs. Franklin and Marshall, 6-1
Fri., Oct. 26 vs. Ursinus, 3-2

Volleyball
Wed., Oct. 24 vs. Ursinus, 3-0
Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Baptist Bible, 1-3

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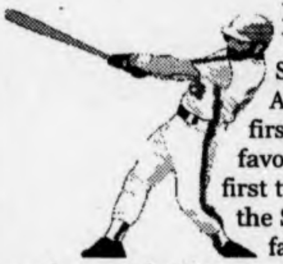
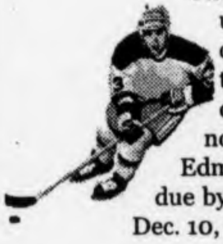


No one was surprised when the New York Yankees went to the World Series. Everyone is surprised that the Arizona Diamondbacks have won the first two games. The odds are in their favor. Of the 47 teams that have won the first two games, 37 of them went on to win the Series. The contest shouldn't even be fair, but the Yankees have only averaged a .107 batting average thus far. It would be nice if the underdog won for a change.

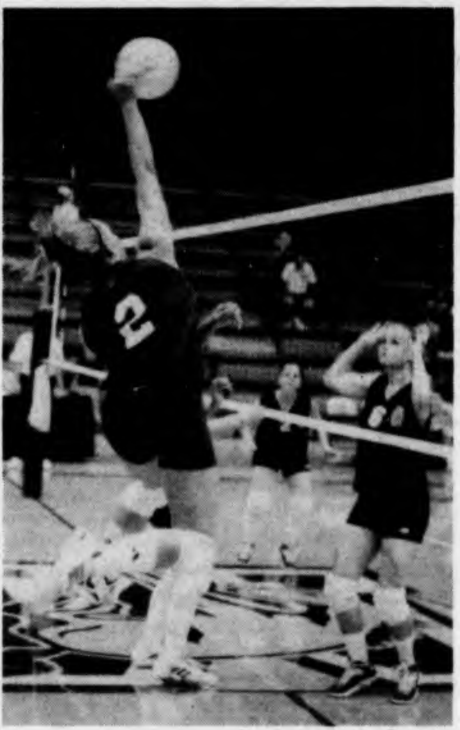
Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson said last spring that he would rather beat the San Diego Chargers than win the Super Bowl. Well, he should have shot for the Super Bowl. In perhaps one of the biggest grudge matches of the season, the Chargers beat the Bills 27-24 on Sunday. The Chargers are loaded with former Bills players, including General Manager John Butler who was hired by the Chargers 17 days after he was fired from the Bills. The key play was Doug Flootie's 13-yard game-winning touchdown run, proving that his 39-year-old body can still move. He just rubbed it in a little bit.



The Edmonton Oilers have almost gone belly up, but were saved this week when owners came up with almost $8.9 million to keep the franchise afloat. Most of the investors contributed a lot more cash than might have normally been given to keep the team in Edmonton. Half the amount they pledged is due by Dec. 1, with the remaining balance due by Dec. 10, 2002.

The PGA Tour Championship was created to put some firepower back into the end of the golf season, but as with so many other tournaments offering so much money, the Championship has lost a lot of its luster. The $5 million purse just doesn't seem as much anymore when the Players Championship offers $6 million and several other regular season tour events are inching their way closer. The Tour Championship brings together the top 30 money-winners. This year's defending champion, Phil Mickelson, won't be attending this year due to the birth of his second child a few days ago.

Volleyball defeats Ursinus to finish season with 8-2 Conference record



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Maria Poluka led the Mules with twelve digs and three aces against CC opponent Ursinus on Wed.

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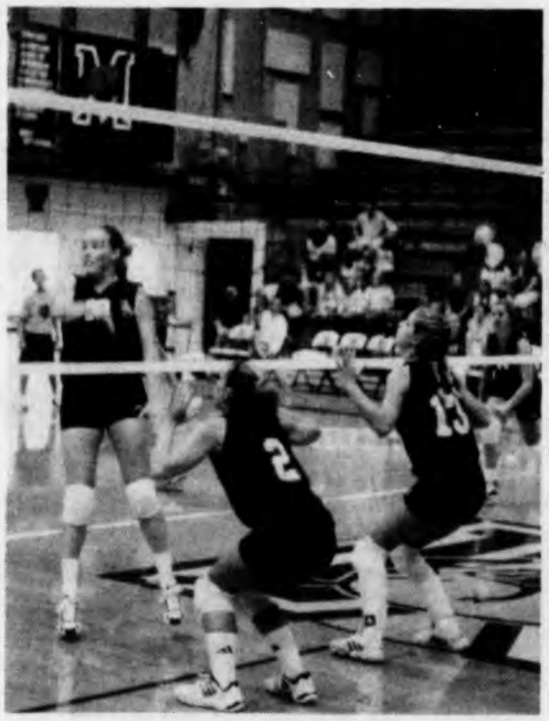
After securing their share of the Centennial Conference regular season title, the Mules still had to face Bible Baptist College this past Saturday during Family Weekend. Despite winning the first game of the match 30-22, the Mules dropped the next three games 27-30, 24-30, and 20-30. "This was a disappointing loss. We should have beaten them," said Warmack-Chipman. "It was our senior day and our last regular season home match. I'm not sure what happened," she added.

Statistically, Billie, Giammalvo, and Poluka, who all produced double-digit kills, led the Mules. Giammalvo led the Mules in aces with three and also in digs with fifteen.

The Mules, who were picked to finish sixth in the Conference at the start of the season will host a tournament filled with talented competitors. "This should be some great volleyball," said Warmack-Chipman. "The semifinals should both be tight. I don't expect any blowouts. Any one of the four teams can win and represent the Conference in the NCAA's," Warmack-Chipman added.

The Mules face Johns Hopkins in the first semifinal of the day at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The team defeated the Blue Jays in Baltimore in late September. The other semifinal match of the day will take place at 3:00 p.m. and will feature Gettysburg against Haverford. During the regular season, the Mules defeated both Gettysburg and Haverford in straight games. The championship match to determine the Centennial Conference champion will occur at 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball is the only sport in the Conference that has its entire Conference championship tournament held in one day. Warmack-Chipman would like to see that changed. "I hate the one-day format. It is very difficult for the players. I would like to see us move to a Wednesday/Saturday format like basketball." Regardless, the Mules face off against Hopkins at 1:00 Saturday afternoon in Memorial Hall.



Sophomore Maria Poluka led the offense along with Juniors Meaghan Billie and Lisa Giammalvo on Sat.

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Volleyball Centennial Conference Tournament at 1:00, 3:00 and 7:00

Women's Soccer goes to Regionals

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and the finals of the CC tournament, Laurino was named Centennial Conference Player of the week. Her two shutouts over the weekend gave her the school record of nine shutouts in one season and twenty-one shutouts in her career. She leads the Conference in shutouts and ranks second in the Conference with a 0.62 goals-against average.

The tournament win not only earns the Mules their second straight Centennial Conference championship, but it also secures them an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. "Making the NCAA's was just a bonus for us," commented Laurino.

For the second year in a row, the Mules will compete in the prestigious tournament, this year earning the right to host the Mid-Atlantic Regional games. The Mules earn a bye of sorts, as they do not have to play until Saturday. "We really needed the bye. We have so many girls who are bruised and banged up. It's really a blessing that we don't have to play Wednesday," said Laurino. They will face the winner of the Notre Dame (MD) vs. Elizabethtown game, which is being played on Friday afternoon.

Notre Dame earned the right to compete in this weekend's tournament by winning the Atlantic Women's Colleges title. They are playing in the NCAA's for the first time. Elizabethtown was an at large selection from the Commonwealth Conference. The Mules have some idea of what to expect should they face Elizabethtown seeing has how the two teams had a couple common opponents throughout the regular season. According to Laurino, "E-town played Moravian and F & M, and beat each by one goal. So did we, so that would be a really even game." Elizabethtown has played in the NCAA's three times before, with their best result coming in 1997 when they reached the semifinals. Regardless of who the Mules play, they are confident. Laurino commented, "If we play like we know how, we'll be fine. Both teams are beatable. We have no expectations; we just know we have to play our absolute best."

The Mules will play at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 3. General admission tickets cost $4, while senior citizens and anyone with identification from one of the schools can get in for $2.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Sophomore Dawn Iberer provided the Mules' only goal as they defeated Johns Hopkins, 1-0. Iberer was assisted by Junior Tri-Captain Katy Hawkins.

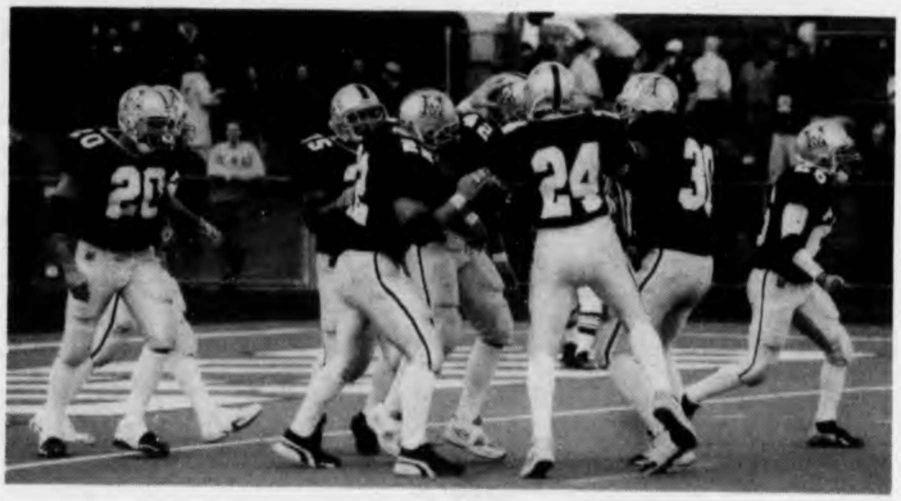
Football edges out Ursinus, 23-20

BY MIKE BILLET
Weekly Sports Writer

Despite being a cold, windy Family Weekend, a crowd of almost 3,000 still turned out to watch the football team (6-2 overall, 5-1 conference) beat the Ursinus Bears (4-4 overall, 2-3 conference) by a final score of 23-20. The game featured eleven combined turnovers with seven interceptions, a safety by the Mules, two fumbled punts and a missed field goal opportunity. Overall, both teams played sloppy football, but the Mules prevailed.

For the offense, Junior wide receiver/kick returner Josh Carter was the star of the game. Carter's first quarter touchdown was the 40th of his career, tying the school record originally set in 1927 set by Nick Borell (1924-1927). It is very likely that with two games remaining in the regular season, Carter will break Borell's record. On the day, Carter caught six passes for a total of 95 yards. Although Sophomore running back Matt Bernardo was not spectacular, he did carry the Mules' running game with a total of 14 carries for 76 yards. Junior quarterback Justin Jones also threw two long touchdown passes.

Senior linebacker Jon-Paul Skarpetowski led the defense with eleven tackles and Senior free safety Erik Hammer intercepted two passes. With 1:18 left on the clock and the Bears down by one touchdown, the Mules' defense came up big by preserving their 23-20 lead.



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The Mules congratulate Sophomore Dan Miller after his punt block which resulted in a safety. The Mules went on to win the game 23-20.

The first touchdown of the game came after Bears Senior defensive back/wide receiver Michael Dale intercepted Jones early in the first quarter. Ursinus's Senior running back Shearrod Duncan, the nation's leading rusher in Division III football, scored on a 48-yard run as a result of this turnover. Although he is only 5'3", Duncan is as fast as lightening, and as soon as he rushed past the defensive line into the secondary on a right side sweep, the secondary was unable to tackle him and he went into the end zone untouched. The extra point was converted, and the Mules fell behind early, 7-0.

On their next drive, the Mules responded to the Bears' touchdown with a touchdown of their own. The Mules' drive consisted of 5 plays, 65 yards. The highlight of their drive was a 53-yard pass over the middle to Carter, which resulted in a touchdown. The Mules tied the score with a successful extra point attempt to make the score 7-7.

On the Bears' third offensive possession of the second quarter, which was a result of one of Jones' interceptions, the Mules' defense came up big. Facing third and eight on their own 22-yard line, Sophomore defensive end Nick Otranto sacked Bears' quarterback Chris Rahill. This play set up a safety when Sophomore punter Greg Furman's punt was blocked by Sophomore Dan Miller and the ball rolled out of the end zone. A safety was given and the Mules took the lead 9-7.

On the ensuing punt by the Bears, the Mules scored their second touchdown of the game. Carter returned the punt 20 yards to the Bears' 47-yard line. After an unsuccessful rushing attempt by Kamali Roberts, Jones completed a 5-yard pass to Bernardo. Facing a key third down conversion, Bernardo ran eleven yards to Ursinus's 31-yard line, picking up another first down. On first and ten, Jones completed a 12-yard pass to Carter to pick up another first down. The Mules' offense was in sync as Roberts rushed for 18 yards on the next play, carrying the Mules to the Bears goal line. Freshman Zach Trach scored

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SPORTS

Women's soccer sweeps CC championship

Mules set school record of 12 shutouts in a season

Photo by Scott Swartz

The women's soccer team celebrated after defeating Franklin and Marshall, 2-0, in the semifinals and Johns Hopkins, 1-0, in the Conference final on Sunday.

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team captured their second straight Centennial Conference championship this past Saturday. The Mules hosted the Conference tournament and proved that they deserved their number one seed by shutting out both of their opponents. "We worked hard all season and we deserved to win," commented Junior Goalie Kim Laurino.

In the semifinal game against Franklin & Marshall, Freshman Rebecca Armstrong scored both goals to secure the win for the Mules. Armstrong scored one goal in each half, scoring the first goal unassisted almost 27 minutes into the game.

Technically, Armstrong's first goal was the only scoring the Mules would need to put away the Diplomats as Laurino made six saves in the game, recording the Mules' school record eleventh shutout of the season.

However, Armstrong added a second goal almost exactly an hour into the contest. Sophomore Dawn Iberer assisted Armstrong on the goal.

By virtue of their win against Franklin & Marshall, the Mules earned a chance to face Johns Hopkins (who defeated Gettysburg 2-0 in the second semifinal game) for the Conference championship. The Mules beat F & M and Gettysburg, and Hopkins during the regular season. However, the regular season games against Gettysburg and F & M both went into overtime.

Against Johns Hopkins on Sunday, the Mules again put up a strong defensive performance shutting out the Blue Jays. Dawn Iberer provided the only offense the Mules would need scoring a goal on an assist from Junior Katy Hawkins late in the first half. Hawkins cleared the ball out and passed it to Iberer who beat two Hopkins defenders and put her shot past the Blue Jay goalie.

The Mules' defense endured a strong offensive attack from Hopkins, but thanks to a couple of diving saves from Laurino and a little luck, the Mules remained in front and ended up winning the game by the final score of 1-0. Laurino said both games were "really exciting, but nerve-wracking. During the regular season, we beat each team [F & M and Hopkins] by only one goal, so we knew that we would have two really good, tough games."

Based on her performances during both the semifinals

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Tri-captains Katy Hawkins, Kim Laurino, and Jennie Vromin hoist the CC trophy.

Volleyball secures #1 seed in CC tournament

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The volleyball team clinched the first seed in the Centennial Conference tournament by defeating

Conference opponent Ursinus last Wednesday. By virtue of their 8-2 conference record, the Mules have earned the right to host the CC tournament, which will be held this Saturday.

The Mules finished in a three-way tie for first place in the Conference with Gettysburg and Haverford. However, since the Mules defeated both the Bullets and the Fords, they secured both the first seed and the home court advantage. Head Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman said, "I definitely think not having to travel will help us, but I'm not sure to what degree." She added, "Being familiar with the settings: the lights, the floor, and the gym will help. It should also help us get a larger fan base."

The Mules swept Ursinus beating them in three straight games. With each progressive game, the scores got closer, but the Mules refused to drop a game. The final scores of the games were 30-20, 30-23, and 30-28. Junior Meghan Billie had a big day for the Mules offensively as she had six digs in the first game. Billie finished the day with a team-leading 12 kills and became only the third Mule in history to have 300 kills in back-to-back seasons. Billie was on the All-Conference team last year.

Junior Lisa Giammalvo also added to the Mules attack as she just missed getting a double double. Giammalvo had ten kills and nine digs. Senior captain Laura Funsten had thirty-six assists and nine digs while Sophomore Maria Poluka added a team-high twelve digs. "This was a good match to end on," said Warmack-Chipman. The Mules had the luxury of being able to face a weaker opponent than some of the other schools in the Conference to wrap up their conference matches. As the Conference was extremely tight coming into this match, the Mules felt less pressure than they might have had they had to face a stronger opponent. Playing Ursinus "was better than playing someone tougher," Warmack-Chipman com-

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Bike thefts & break-ins, but no arrests

Recent increase in vandalism on campus leads to warning

By Alex Fichtel
Weekly News Writer

Bike locks like the one above may help deter some thieves, but this lock is not the type Campus Safety recommends.
Photo by Jessica Skrocki

The fall semester of the 2001-2002 academic year has brought with it a rash of crimes -- vandalism to cars and bicycle thefts. For the past several weeks the College has been receiving countless reports of vandalism. According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, someone this semester, thus far has had a "fixation with mirrors."

The typical crime seems to be a student, or possibly a group of students, targeting automobiles parked on campus streets and in parking lots around campus, and kicking off their side view mirrors. Sometimes along with this, denting doors. The Campus Safety Department believes that the perpetrators are "new on campus." They also have a meeting set up for later in the week with a student who may be involved.

> *"People are out there looking for the opportunity and if we present it to them, they'll take it."*
>
> Ken Lupole

Bicycles have also been seen as an easy target for thieves. This may be attributed to the fact that many students are negligent in locking up their bikes. Though the rate of stolen bikes has not increased as of yet, the potential for theft remains. Lupole suggests to all bicycle owners to purchase a "U-shaped Kryptonite Lock." These locks

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Poll respondents avoid downtown

Results reveal Allentown's crime is the least favored aspect of City

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

The most recent poll conducted by the Institute of Public Opinion, a group of students and faculty from the College who engage in social science research, focused on the quality of life in Allentown. The survey was completed for the Urban Observatory, which was set up by Allentown's city council and represents a partnership between the city and its educational institutions.

The poll asked respondents to rate the overall safety of Allentown and to comment on a number of different issues, such as the police department, housing, recreational activities, city services, most liked and least liked aspects of Allentown and probability of moving. The surveys revealed that a resident's sense of safety correlated with the area of Allentown in which he or she lives. Those living in West End felt the safest while those in Wards felt the most insecure. The report noted that the downtown areas had more residents that were very worried about crime. The most liked aspects of Allentown, according to the poll, are its parks and its location with respect to other cities and activities. The least liked aspect is crime and safety

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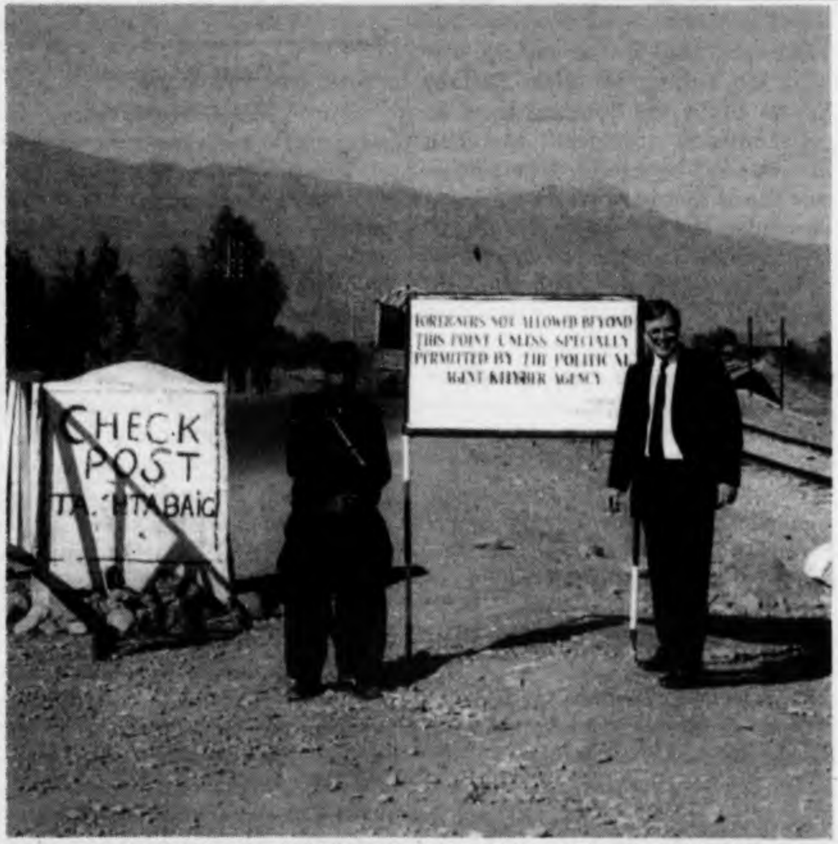
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Spikes & serves at weekend tournament

Annual volleyball fundraiser teams sport with charity

By Wendy Eichler
Weekly News Writer

The Panhellenic and Inter Fraternity Council groups sponsored a fundraising volleyball tournament this past Sunday. The fundraiser proved to be a huge success. It raised money for the Heifer Project, Inc., which donates food to underdeveloped countries, and Turning Point, a shelter that protects abused women and children. There was music, food and raffles throughout the event.

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Applause for athletics, with a caveat

While the athletic programs at the College have had a spotty past, at best, the Athletic Department should be commended for an unbelievable turn--around. It was only a few years ago that Muhlenberg's football team was featured on ESPN as among the most losing teams in collegiate football. Although the football team has not repeated last year's championship season, this season has been marked by a number of impressive College records. Also, the women's soccer team just succeeded in their quest to win the Centennial Conference championship.

With almost across-the-board improvements in athletes, facilities, coaching and end products, all involved should be applauded. However, this applause does come with a caveat: While athletics has intrinsic value, and is valuable from a development perspective, the athletic programs of the College exist within the College. With that comes the supremacy of academics above all else; this obviously includes athletic prowess. This College has a rich tradition of academics before the development, or rather reinvigoration, of the athletic programs. The College cannot prevent certain athletes--or members of any other organization for that matter--from placing extracurricular activities above academics. However, the administration, as well as individual or the collective faculty, is in full power to restrict preferential treatment for athletes.

All too often athletes are excused from class to fulfill athletic obligations. Are the vast majority of athletes diligent in making up lost class work? Without a doubt. Nevertheless, the fact remains that class time is being missed as a direct result of athletic participation. We are all adults, or at least on the cusp of adulthood, and are free to make decisions and, more importantly, deal with the consequences of these actions. However, it is not in the College's interest, as an academic institutions before all else, to be complacent to this fact, and others like it.

While The Weekly applauds the efforts and the subsequent success of the athletic programs, we must be mindful that such is a slippery slope, and not to lose focus of the principal mission of the College--academics.

Letter to The Editor

Students stand against Staples

To The Editor:

Staples is the largest office supply store in the world. They have over 1400 stores worldwide, and this number is steadily increasing. As this number increases, so does the number of forests being destroyed. Worse yet, Staples clear-cuts old growth forests! More than half of our paper in the U.S. comes from the regions in the continental U.S. that have the most biodiversity. Office paper, specifically the kind sold at Staples, contains pulp from old-growth trees, such as 1000-year old Douglas firs from the Pacific Northwest, or Canada's Great Bear Rainforest.

There are other methods of making paper, such as with alternative agricultural or post-consumer recycled fibers. Staples and other office supply stores are just not exploring these options. Consumers must force Staples to make this change or they, along with other companies, will continue to cut down the already meager number of virgin and old growth forests. For the past two and a half years, environmentalists have been trying to convince Staples that it ought clean up their practices and sell more recycled paper products. Our efforts are culminating this upcoming week.

This Tuesday, Nov 13th, a National Day of Action will be targeted at Staples. Students and activists from all over the country will be demonstrating at their local Staples store, offering information about how the office superstore might make some positive changes in their product offerings. Among other objectives, we are demanding that Staples immediately phase out all wood and paper products made from U.S. public forests and old growth fiber. We are also asking that they begin to educate employees, customers and suppliers about the benefits of recycled paper, the availability of alternative fibers, and the benefits of healthy forest resources. You can find out more about this event at www.stopstaples.net.

A group of Muhlenberg students, including many EnAcT members, will be peacefully and informatively demonstrating at Staples on Macarthur Road. We are looking for more interested students to join us! Please contact Jayme Aronberg at x4365 or email enact@muhlenberg.edu for more info. It is very important that we make our voices heard on this day! You do not have to be a tree-hugger or an expert to want to effect positive change ... just join us! Staples is not the only company hurting the environment, but if we can get it to change, others will follow.

-- Jayme Aronberg

Bob Dylan to Britney: Where did our generation go wrong?

Evan Halperin & Jeff Morro
Weekly Columnists

"Our generation has no music to call our own," declares Sophomore Jenna Uhrich. What will our generation end up calling classic? The youth of today are still digesting the mythic truths of Jim Morrison. Classic rock has captivated generations of music lovers.

One of the most appealing aspects of pre-pop music is the sheer musicianship. Many artists of today lack the skill and talent that propelled the likes of Led Zepplin, the Rolling Stones, or Pink Floyd.

The recent trend in music has been the three-minute radio hit or the cut-off MTV music video. These tunes may have catchy beats, but they rarely capture the hearts of their listeners. Many of these boy bands employ flashy front men crooning cheesy lyrics that some middle-aged record executive conjured up. Legendary songwriters like Bob Dylan wrote powerful lyrics that put the mindless monotony of N'Sync to shame.

In twenty years, what will we finally consider the classic music from the 1990's and 2000's? Can any one possibly be willing to allow Britney Spears to be the benchmark of an entire musical movement? The flash in the pan, here-today-gone-tomorrow bands that have plagued present day music do not distinguish themselves from each other. When we reminisce with our parents about their classics, they think of the Boss and the Allman Brothers Band. Granted, there are some bands of today that we can be proud of, but as a whole, there are a lot of voids in the music world.

Institutions like MTV have cheapened the artistic process. The image of Carson Daly broadcasting TRL live behind Times Square will never rival Jimi Hendrix's live from Woodstock. Musical events shape a generation; and we can not honestly say that any individual artist has yet had the collective tenure and timelessness. People can look back at their CD collection and be ashamed of music from 1992. Remember that Kriss Kross CD you bought?...Exactly.

Evan Halperin and Jeff Morro are sophomores.

For the love of the game

Beth Raupers
Weekly Columnist

Two to three of my weeknights are comprised of getting my lazy bum up, putting on gym clothes and trudging down to Kern Field for hours of practice with the Women's Rugby team. There are no lights on the field, so at dusk we make due with light from the houses above, and McGregor Village below. Don't expect to find 50 girls dashing across the field, as the team is lucky to get 20 players per practice. Even Coach Bruce has a laid back stance, and a mellifluously English voice that cannot be heard from more than five feet away. To the typical athlete, Muhlenberg Rugby may not seem like the paramount option, as there is no NCAA splendor, team of coaches on the sidelines with microphones, not even the guaranteed use of fields on game days. Women's Rugby does, however, thrive on an atypical love of rugby that makes every practice a step forward, and every game a win, even if scores dictate otherwise.

Parents whine, "You're not wearing protective equipment...a mouth-guard can't save you from a concussion!!!" My father, an ex-Bloomsburg football star, gapes at 30 girls crashing together and mutters, "I couldn't do that." To viewers, Women's Rugby is a fearsome spectacle of girls who play at considerable risks, but to Muhlenberg's team, safety is embedded in trust for each player, a trust that prevails through the most brutal rucks, mauls and scrums.

Trust is only one of the luxuries possessed by the Women's Rugby team. Because the team is considered a "club sport", Rugby does not have to endure vicious try-outs and on-field competitions that thrive like cancers in many NCAA teams. The rugby team can afford to be open and supportive to all who love the sport without making players feel excluded. This element of freedom is frequently a comfort to me; I know when I see 15 other girls at practice, these players came solely because they love the sport, not because their coach or captains will come after them or because their scholarship depends on athletic attendance. Our initiative does not spring from hopes of a coach's honor-

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Core requirements: no balance management class?

Jessica Katz
Weekly Guest Columnists

As a freshman here at Muhlenberg, I have found the most difficult thing here not to be academics, the social life, the adjustment to living away from home, or anything of that nature. Rather, it's being able to find a balance between everything I have to do and want to do. In fact, I'm finding it difficult to keep my eyes open while writing this article. That just shows how much sleep I got last night, and I'm not much of a party person; I just have so much to do and not enough fuel to do it with.

One crucial criterion for being able to function on a day to day basis is sleep. Sleep is good. We all need sleep. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to get as much sleep as one's body really needs. I remember hearing at a high school lecture, that the average teenager's body needs somewhere from eight to twelve hours of sleep per night. I laugh at this concept, I'm lucky if I get seven.

The problem with being able to manage one's time is balancing the act of schoolwork and play. There are so many things to do for freshmen in terms of play: gazillions of clubs that have interesting ideas, and then there's socializing. Everyone wants to be liked by people of their own sex and the opposite, so they go to parties and hang out. The problem is that this "hanging out" thing takes a lot of time; a lot of time doing absolutely nothing of value. I'm not saying people shouldn't hang out with their friends, it's just that it might be better if we all balanced everything and didn't get back too late at night to be able to function the next day in class.

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As for academics, they are indeed challenging, but manageable. However it is difficult finding a proper time and place to study. I know that people on my floor were so desperate to find a quiet place to study that they went into the elevator. Studying in a moving box isn't exactly fun and good times. Also, people need to study during the day or in the early evening when the stuff is fresh in their minds. I know that in my dorm once quiet hours roll around, it's anything but quiet, and no one should even try to work. However, if one goes to the library, Seegers, a friend's room, or a lounge, he or she ends up doing fine. Students just need to find somewhere where they can concentrate.

Freshmen are so extremely busy with socializing, schoolwork, being parts of clubs, and such that we don't have time to do each task thoroughly. This is why we need to learn how to balance our schedules, and whichever method we have to use, we'll use it. We are Mules now, we can do it!

Flag burning: our constitutional right

Skye Bassett
Weekly Guest Columnist

Two hundred and ten years ago, we as a nation were given certain inalienable rights, rights for which millions of Americans have died for in the name of our continued freedom. The people who came before us so loved this country and our freedoms that they were willing to give their lives when someone threatened to take their freedoms away. However, two hundred and ten years later, an amendment to the Constitution is currently being proposed in Congress that would severely limit our First Amendment rights, and the majority of Americans are either uninformed or do not care enough to protest this wrong. What is this amendment, you might ask? It is none other than the Anti Flag Burning Amendment.

Almost all Americans are shocked and outraged by the image of a burning American flag, myself included. However, the act of burning the American flag is protected by our First Amendment right to freedom of speech. How can burning a flag be an act of speech? It is in fact an act of symbolic speech, since when you burn the flag you are not just burning a piece of cloth, you are burning the ideals and the nation that that piece of cloth symbolizes. Therefore, it is an act of protest and an act of speech because it communicates this protest. It is our primary job as citizens of the United Sates of America to question the government, to protest the government, and if the government is not doing a good job, it is our duty to replace the government. Therefore, while the image of the burning American flag is outrageous, it is also the image of our freedom and the most American thing an American can do.

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So, in reality, outlawing the burning of the American flag would be limiting the freedom for which the American flag stands. On the other hand, those who support the proposed amendment say that the flag must be protected because it is the sacred image of America. It symbolizes the values, traditions, and aspirations that bond us together as Americans. Those who support legally protecting the American flag from what they call 'desecration', are raising the flag as more than just our symbol but as something sacred, perhaps an idol, which places the American flag on the level of God. The American flag is indeed the symbol of our nation, and it does deserve respect, but it is not something sacred and is not something that should be worshiped.

The American flag is the symbol of our nation. It should be displayed proudly above the doorstep of every American home, but it also should be legal to burn it in protest of a country that has done wrong. It is best said by Michael Douglas in *The American President*, "America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship. You've got to want it bad, because it's gonna put up a fight... you want to claim this land as the land of the free, then the symbol of your country cannot just be a flag. The symbol also has to be one of its citizens exercising his right to burn that flag in protest. Now show me that, defend that, celebrate that in you classrooms. Then you can stand up and sing about the land of the free." That freedom is what makes us Americans. The ability to burn a flag is what makes us free.

Skye Bassett is a sophomore with a double major in political science and English.

Playing the game with passion

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able mention at graduation or visions of our names woven on personalized jackets, but from a powerful desire to get a piece of the game.

I played varsity sports for most of high school, and I can attest that this is the first team I've worked with that has allotted a comfortable environment to its players. Despite my love for sports, the aggravation of competition and mudslinging within teams made me hesitant to continue playing team sports. I assumed that no team could escape such idiocies. But Rugby involves almost nonexistent bickering within the team, which took me by surprise; I play with more happy memories under my belt in one year of rugby than what seems like a thousand years of Volleyball, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball. I only hope to continue making such memories of the team that proved me wrong.

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Weekly Discourse: The Greek life

Promoting unity or fostering conformity?

Lauren McCallion

Weekly Guest Columnist

Contrary to popular belief, Greek life is not a society where you pay to. make friends and party. I am sure that people have heard over and over again the response to this misconception, which is that there are other things to do, like philanthropy events and fundraising, and how you meet lots of people. Some people enter Greek life with many misapprehensions and realize that it is not what they thought it would be, in a good way. The overall view of Greek life seems to be very superficial, and, unless you become a member of a Greek organization, it is hard to understand the unity you gain with the people who are involved in it with you.

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I know that people who need to be convinced of this have heard it all before and have their set views on the idea of Greeks, but this is an article coming from a sorority member who used to be in your situation. I realize now that the only reason I joined was because I was curious of what was going to happen. I have not only cured my curiosity, but I have also gained around 100 people who I have unified with over the past two and a half years. I can honestly say that I did not know any of the members of my Greek society before I joined, and now I can talk with any single one of them about anything I want to.

It seems as though this unity only comes by being with your fraternity or sorority all the time, but this is also a misconception. The unity is gained through new member orientation because this is the time when you begin to start to know people, and it is true that a lot of time is spent with the members of the organization. One of the main purposes of this orientation is to become one with the others so that everyone gets along and the whole structure of the Greek community can come together and withstand any tasks that it must face. Like many people have realized in the past, it is a necessity to be one and stand behind each other when working in any kind of group situation. This unity seems more increased in Greek life rather than in other groups because of the rituals that the members go through.

This unity also increases with time. Through the years that you are with your organization, you begin to realize that you have more trust in your sisters and brothers than you thought you did. This is the time when you realize that these friendships grow through time rather than through constant contact. I can honestly say that I have met some of the best friends of my life by joining a sorority. If I could go back now and do it all again, I would.

Andrew May

Weekly Guest Columnist

The very essence of joining a fraternity or sorority is deeply rooted in conformity. All fraternities and sororities on campus each seem to have their own personalities. Is this not conformity in the most extreme sense? One joins where he fits in, assuming he is accepted. If one is turned away, it is simply because they do not fit in, as opposed to being turned away for lack of a work ethic or talent. These are organizations based on no merit, excluding people they simply do not like while embracing others. This is unacceptable for any national organization, especially those which seek to recruit easily influenced college students. They prey on the more impressionable, shapeable students on any campus, even here at Muhlenberg. To fit in with a fraternity is to conform, to deny and to toss out one's independence.

It is evident that brothers and sisters feel that the unity between themselves is strong and permanent. Whether or not this type of togetherness can be truly achieved through the traditions of a national organization, one that demands payment for membership, is quite dubious, and obviously depends on the given members personality and what they define as true friendship. Perhaps it is not unity they feel, but a lack of independence, the wasting of one's personal opinions and mind.

Fraternities and sororities are nothing more than glorified cliques. Suddenly, gaining thirty new friends simply because of the club you paid to get into is no common bond to build lasting, meaningful friendships on. During pledging, one needs to rely on his fellow pledges to simply survive the process. Some may call this unity, but rather, it is closer to a stripping away of ones independence and autonomy.

This so-called unity is really a self-serving means for acceptance, but by isolating themselves, and living segregated from campus, conformity is the true end for those going Greek. The systems promote unity and exclude diversity. Greeks are segregated from campus to begin with, and their bond with each other is wholly imagined, being nothing more than a divisiveness with the rest of campus. Basically, the idea of true brotherhood or sisterhood on campus is a fraud.

Greek life promotes little self-growth on campus, and its detriment to each person involved in it outweighs the good it does to join. This argument between conformity and unity is ridiculous; of course it is conformist to join an exclusive, personality-based organization where being uniform is the only desirable quality.

Wearing an organization's letters seems eerily robotic, and I personally prefer not to be a billboard for an organization I am paying. Of course, it is an individual's personal choice whether or not to join, but what is wrong is the constant rhetoric of those involved of the unity it creates and the denying of the true motives of anyone involved. The Greek system separates people. I have lost friends because of it, and after this goes to print, I expect to lose more.

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Thanksgiving Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on November 21, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on November 25, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $15.00 per day charge. Late requests are subject to a $25.00 fine.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by November 12, 2001. Notification of approval will be distributed on the 15th. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 29 - Theft - Twenty compact disks were stolen from the SPE fraternity house.

Oct. 29 - Theft - A neighbor reported the theft of two large flower pots and a pumpkin from her yard.

Oct. 29 - Theft - A Brown resident was referred to the Dean's office after stealing items from her roommate.

Oct. 29 - Stolen Property - The TKE fraternity was found with the possession of stolen street signs.

Oct. 30 - Harassment - A student got into a verbal fight with an administrator in the faculty parking lot, due to a parking issue.

Oct. 30 - Harassment - An off-campus ex-friend harassed a student over the phone. The non-student will be sent a letter from campus safety.

Oct. 30 - Alcohol Violation - A Brown resident was cited for underage possession of alcohol and was referred to the Dean.

Oct. 30 - Harassment - Another off-campus ex-friend harassed a student over the phone. The non-student will be sent a letter from campus safety.

Oct. 30 - Criminal Mischief - Two students harassed another student in Prosser Hall by throwing Snack Pack pudding cups at his windows.

Oct. 30 - Postal Problems - A postal inspector came to campus to locate a student who did not place a proper return address on a package.

Oct. 31 - Alcohol Violation - One student and five non-students were caught consuming alcohol underage. The student was referred to the Dean's office and the five non-students received letters of trespass.

Oct. 31 - Criminal Mischief - Benches were tipped over at the football field.

Oct. 31 - Vandalism - The blue light was stolen off of a call box.

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CAP recruits high school students for the College

Tutors help Allentown schools encourage kids to further their education

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

The College Admission Program (CAP) has entered its fourth consecutive year of helping students from Allen High School focus on getting into college. CAP begins when students are in their ninth and tenth grade years. They are taught at the Success Academy, which is run by *Communities in Schools* of the Lehigh Valley. In their eleventh and twelfth grade years, they return to Allen for regular instruction.

CAP hopes to encourage the students to apply to college. If the CAP students are accepted to Muhlenberg, they will receive a substantial scholarship.

"It is a great advantage for students who can't afford to go to college," said student Yalissa Garcia.

The program started up again on Sept. 26. Eleventh and twelfth grade students from Allen work with tutors from Muhlenberg on Wednesday afternoons in Ettinger. Muhlenberg students tutor the ninth graders at the Success Academy on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays for one 2-hour shift between 8:00 and 2:00. Tenth graders are also tutored at the Success Academy on Wednesdays.

"It's a helpful program; and we can learn a lot about college through the tutors," said Yamel Garcia.

Eighteen Muhlenberg students are involved in the program. They find the experience fun and worthwhile.

As part of the College Admission Program, students tutor students from Allen High School. Eleventh and twelfth grade students (above) from Allen work with tutors in the Ettinger building. Photo by Matt Meyers

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Car accident marks onset of tournament for charities

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Twenty-eight teams of at least six people participated in the tournament. The teams represented a variety of groups on campus such as Student Council, fraternities and sororities and certain clubs, such as Faith Works and Students Have a Real Effect.

Tracey Cetel '02, a member of the S.H.A.R.E. team, said, "I think we tried our hardest and played well."

The tournament began two years ago to raise money for Sean Cunningham, the son of Karen Cunningham. Cunningham is the secretary at the Office of Residential Services on campus.

Sean was critically injured in a car accident on Dec. 26, 1999 and awoke from a coma weeks later.

Chaplain Peter Bredlau helped student council to organize the original tournament.

The past tournaments have proven to be very successful and hopefully will continue to be an annual event. Elias Saratovsky, President of the student body, said the tournament is "a tradition we started two years ago for a different cause ... we want to help as many people as we can. We should continue this every year."

The IFC, PanHellenic Council, Peter Bredlau, Valerie Lane, Becky Grace, Chip Hurd and the Community Service Office all helped to organize this year's tournament. The Lutheran Brotherhood also agreed to match up to $800 of all the money raised.

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>
> Elias Saratovsky,
> Student Body President

Everything raised from the tournament went to profit, including the $3 donation from all the volleyball participants and the donated raffle prizes.

Lane summed up the day when she described it as "a good way to bring the college together on a Sunday afternoon."

Poll of public opinion

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concerns.

The poll found that most Allentown residents do not go downtown because of crime and lack of shopping selection, and that most rated the public schools fairly low. About 25 percent of respondents said they are either certain or likely to move out of Allentown within five years. There was a significant difference in the ages of the responses, however, with younger people more likely to leave than the older members of the community.

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According to Dr. Christopher Borick, Director of the Institute for Public Opinion, the quality of life poll was randomly mailed out to over 3,000 households and over 1,000 were returned. He commented that this high response rate makes for very comprehensive research. Because of the large number of surveys, good statistical comparisons between the regions of Allentown can be made and the city can get a better idea of where to concentrate improvement efforts.

In addition to the quality of life poll, the Institute for Public Opinion is also conducting a follow-up survey with the Morning Call about terrorism. The purpose of the new poll is to see how opinions have changed, if at all, in the last month and a half. This survey is being conducted by phone, with the Institute calling residents in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

The Institute purchased a list of both listed and unlisted phone numbers from a provider to ensure a random

Operation Enduring Freedom

Wednesday, October 31
U.S. warplanes intensified bombing of front line Taliban troops in Afghanistan on Wednesday as Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair toured the Middle East to boost Arab support for the campaign.

Thursday, November 1
The United States on Thursday ruled out suspending its military campaign in Afghanistan for the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Osama bin Laden sought to portray the war as a "crusade" against Islam.

Friday, November 2
The United States on Friday carpet-bombed Taliban front lines, dispatched two new spy planes to pinpoint targets and staged a daring rescue of the crew of a helicopter that crashed in bad weather in hostile Afghan territory. The United States shed a staggering 415,000 jobs in October, the most in two decades, as the full impact of the Sept. 11 attacks ripped into an economy that is probably already in the early stages of recession.

Saturday, November 3
Osama bin Laden on Saturday made his strongest appeal to Muslims to join a holy war against the West and denounced those who support Washington as traitors to Islam. President Bush on Saturday called the recent anthrax cases "a second wave of terrorist attacks."

Sunday, November 4

Warplanes circle the sky above the Afghan capital Kabul on Monday and fired at least two missiles. The United States has significantly increased the number of special forces troops operating inside Afghanistan in recent days, the top U.S. military officer said on Sunday.

Monday, November 5
The United States, fearful of a bioterrorism attack similar to the anthrax scare sweeping the country, said on Sunday key front-line medical workers were being vaccinated against smallpox.

Tuesday, November 6
President Bush on Tuesday warned for the first time that Osama bin Laden's network was seeking nuclear weapons, rallying European allies to fight what he called a threat to "every nation and, eventual, to civilization itself."

Compiled by Daniel R. Engelberg III

Locks may be the answer

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have proven to be effective against bolt cutters and other implements used by thieves.

In order to prevent these crimes Campus Safety has issued crime prevention booklets to all resident hall dorm rooms on campus. Lupole also suggests parking all bicycles be locked to bike racks, and says that "people are out there looking for the opportunity and if we present it to them, they'll take it."

Lupole urges any student that sees a crime to contact the Campus Safety office in an expeditious manner.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 27	High: 56 Low: 36	High: 59 Low: 28

Campus Safety Notes

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Oct. 31 - Indecent Assault - A woman had her buttocks grabbed by a man in Seeger's Union.

Nov. 1 - Vandalism - Scuffs were found on the walls of first floor Prosser.

Nov. 1 - Theft - Five Muhlenberg College flags were stolen off of lampposts.

Nov. 1 - Injured Student - A student had a seizure in Ettinger, and hit his head.

Nov. 1 - Sick Student - A resident of Walz hall complained of chest pains.

Nov. 1 - Hit & Run - A student's car was struck. Campus Safety has a possible suspect, who is also a student.

Nov. 2 - Disorderly Conduct - Student Jeffery P. Scaggs was arrested for an incident that took place on April 7th.

Nov. 2 - Injured Student - A student dislocated their right shoulder on 23rd Street.

Nov. 2 - Alcohol Violation - Am underage resident of Martin Luther Hall was referred to the Dean's office.

Nov. 3 - Stolen Property - An independent living the PKT house was cited for having possession of a Speed Limit sign.

Nov. 3 - Alcohol Violation - An underage independent in the PKT fraternity house was referred to the dean.

Nov. 4 - Vandalism - An antenna was bent and the doors of an auto were kicked in the 23rd Street lot.

Nov. 4 - Vandalism - The side view mirror of an automobile was broken off in the 23rd Street parking lot.

Nov. 4 - Vandalism - A side view mirror was broken off.

OFF CAMPUS

Lehigh Valley -- Nationwide, gas prices fell nearly 7 cents in the past two weeks. That price drop, coupled with the competition among the Reading area gas stations, contributed to the 99-cent-a-gallon price in Moselem Springs. According to AAA, the average price for regular is $1.22, down 33 cents from a year ago in the Lehigh Valley.The price in the Reading area averages $1.10, down 40 cents from last November. The average price across Pennsylvania is $1.19, while nationwide it's $1.24. Judy Barberich, director of communications for AAA East Penn, said gasoline prices on average are the lowest they've been since August 1999.

Allentown -- Allentown Bureau of Health officials investigated Friday at Union Terrace Elementary School after learning that 60 pupils were ill and absent that morning and another 24 had gone to the school nurse with complaints of nausea and vomiting. Barbara Stader, Health Bureau director, said her staff looked into a number of possibilities for the cause of the illness, including that several sewer drains had backed up and overflowed in the cafeteria earlier in the week. School district officials said they had disinfected the entire school over the weekend and that many of the pupils were back in school Monday.

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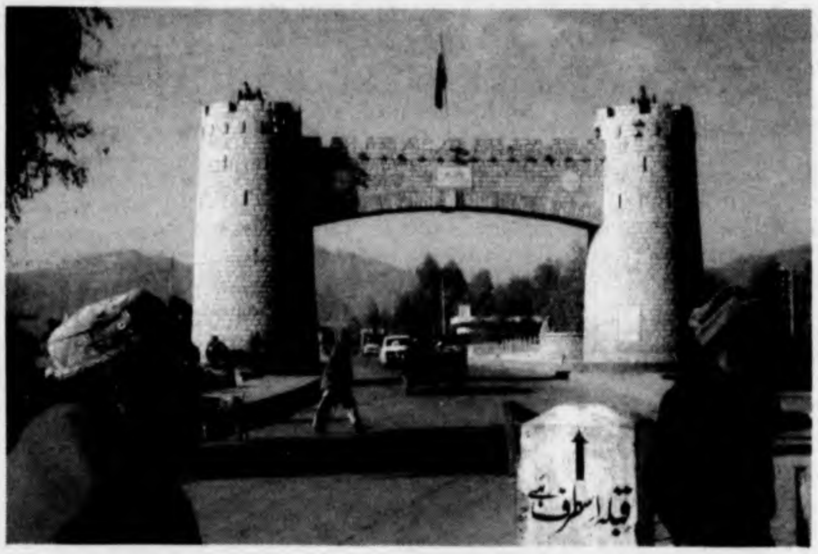
The Strange Ride: The Khyber and the Opium Den

A professor shares images from the cities and countryside in Pakistan

Part 3 of a three-part series



Well-known entranceway along the road to the Khyber Pass.

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BY FRED NORLING
Weekly Guest Writer

We arrived in Peshawar that afternoon with the sun still high in the sky. Our destination was the Intercontinental, a four or five star affair where all Westerners were expected to stay, despite their wanderlust desire to be elsewhere. Here, as everywhere I stayed, my room had a prominent arrow laminated to the dresser top, or the countertop in the bathroom, pointing to Mecca. I discovered a mosque a few meters away and a loudspeaker bleating the muezzin's (a crier) call for prayer at dawn.

Peshawar had officially one million inhabitants during my visit, with another 1.5 million refugees were living in mud huts and tents in the vast squatter villages that rung the city. One describes Peshawar as (unattributably) "...hoary with age and the passage of 25 centuries, redolent with the smell of luscious fruit and roasted meat and tobacco smoke...". It is a city of cross-traffic and hub-bub, the disembarkation point for millions of caravans throughout history that have arrived, safe and unattacked during their travels through the mountains of the west. In Peshawar, there are plottings, counterattacks and men huddling.

Most of all, it is a city of bazaars, the Qissa Khawani and its narrow streets lined with three-story brick facades and ornately carved wooden doors. Above, on the laced wooden balconies, the strong eyes of a woman stares at you from behind her burka, darting away once your eyes greet hers, disappearing into the darkness of her room.

It was into this bazaar that I descended with Akbar providing guidance as I passed the snake charmers, the tradesmen, the rug men, and the silks, the copperware (Peshawar is a major producer of decorative copper), the handicrafters finishing their rifles and their knives. Samovars of brass or copper wafted up strong smells of tea and herbs while turbaned men sipped and threw their furtive looks my way as I walked streets teeming with men laded by bandoliers and camels and baskets laded with baskets.

Peshawar street scene. Norling called Peshawar the "city of a thousand and one sins". To him, it was forbidding and teeming, the "crossroads of intrigue".

PHOTO BY FRED NORLING

Akbar guided me to the old man squatting next to a pile of wool, a maker of Chitrali hats. They resemble a pancake atop a thick role, like a large doughnut around the head. Chitral is a region to the north. I watched a man make mine for me and I thanked Akbar for preventing me from paying five times its value.

With my new hat in hand, I returned with Akbar to the hotel. I left saying good-night and took the stairs to the roof. Outside, alone and sitting in a chair, a guard sat with a rifle and smoked a cigarette. He smiled and let me photograph the distant mountains, the Safed Koh, all of it black that night against a deep purple of a setting sun.

I stood there, how long I do not know, as part of me left in time and space. Although I heard the distant call for prayer and stared through the here and now of the street's glow below me, something in those mountains took hold. I stared from the hotel's roof to a passageway into time, one that brought Islam to India and countless other events to history. My desire to see the refugee camps the next day now seemed trivial as I stared into those mountains and saw The Khyber.

> *"I wanted to visit a camp, but Akbar said it wasn't a good idea, mumbling something about warlords, tribal chieftans and men in Chitrali hats."*

The next day Akbar said no to visiting the refugee camps: too much red tape and too little time. However, to my delight, we could enter the region of the Khyber and hopefully travel to near the pass itself. We left in the Toyota and began what is a relatively short drive along a macadam road lined with huts where guns are manufactured by hand. The pass itself is a thirty-five mile drive that climbs through the Hindu Kush mountains to an eventual elevation of 3,500 feet on the Pakistani side. The highway was built by the British in the 1920s, the same decade that a railroad was added. At its narrowest point, the pass cuts through stone only three meters wide.

Along our way to the famed stone arch that announces one's entry into the pass, the road began picking up pickets (booths) manned with an armed soldier saluting us as we passed. Some stopped our vehicle and asked for identification. Akbar spoke Pashto to them. These men were elements of regiments reaching back into time, The Kyhber Rifles — men of fierce bearing and great sacrifice, men steeled by centuries of battle with invaders, and with the local tribesmen. Finally, we reached a checkpoint where we were asked to leave our vehicle and follow a guard to a nearby room.

These were Pathan chieftans, smoking opium in their den, through who we had to pass. Five of them sat against a wall and stared at me. Others in the room were their aides and fighters, all eyes were piercing and without humor. Akbar explained to them our presence and our desire: to get a quick see up the road, to take some snapshots for the folks back home, and to make a hasty return to Peshawar; nothing more than that. Akbar polished off with a statement supporting the tribes in their war against the Soviets.

I was handed a hookah (water pipe) and told by an old man's nod to take a draw from it. The effect was terribly unfriendly to the bronchial tubes. It must have been my grimace, like that of a child sipping his first taste of alcohol, for he smiled and cracked a joke at my expense. For partaking of his water pipe, I received permission to go on and see The Khyber.

The chiefs would not leave the room, but the younger ones joined Akbar and me outside on the steps of a former British military post in the center of a small crowd. I was handed a British rifle and smiled for the camera. Akbar then drove me as far as we could proceed, a point beyond which we had no authority to enter, beyond which we would be betraying the bond just formed back at that station, and where ambush and theft of our shiny car were probable.

I stood next to a sign that warned all travelers to stop and posed for a final picture that day. The surroundings were dry, dusty, and barren. I felt as if I stood at the end of the world with the pass but a few miles ahead. I took comfort in that no other civilian foreigner after me likely traveled beyond this point until the war ended around 1989.

I left Pakistan within a week and have not been back since. I have had students from this part of the world and through them, in part, that I have remained keen on those events from my past. When American and British military response to the Taliban and Osama bin Laden recently began, I wrote to a friend who still lives in that part of the world and wished him safety. He replied via email and asked when I could return and share a lime cooler with him, some where and at some place, and hopefully some time, he said, before both of us are gone.

CAP tutoring program

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stand that getting a college education is a possibility. We want to outline what college can do for them," said tutor Colleen Clark, '02.

Professor Linda Miller, of the English Department, directs CAP. Also helping with the program are Dr. Margie Hass, Dr. Pearl Rosenberg, Dr. Erika Sutherland, Devon Allen and Anna Adams. These professors bring a wide range of disciplines to the CAP program, including philosophy, history, the performing arts and education.

Attention Seniors

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Sign up for senior class pictures NOW!!!

Senior pictures will be taken
through November 14th
in Trexler Library's
Rare Books Room.

Professors that make a difference: Sutherland creates support group for immigrants

By Lauren Wiesner
Weekly News Writer

Assistant Professor of Spanish, Erika Sutherland was recognized on the nationally syndicated radio station LA MEGA for organizing the Hispanic support group, *El Grupo de Apoyo e Integration Hispano Americano* (The Support Group for Hispanic Professionals). Sutherland began the group for professional Hispanic immigrants 18 months ago.

Sutherland was saluted on the radio by LA MEGA and Moyer Packing Company (MOPAC) for her efforts. LA MEGA is a national Spanish radio network. Affiliated stations featuring her clip included Philadelphia 104.9 FM and Allentown 1320 AM.

Sutherland organized El Grupo as a place for immigrants with a professional background to meet and help each other. "They were something from where they came, and they all want to continue their profession," explained Sutherland, "When immigrants come into the country, very often they are isolated. The support group offers the immigrants a way of meeting people with their same problems and situations."

To help the immigrants get more accustomed to their new home and get to know more people and places, El Grupo holds trips for the immigrants. Some trips already taken include to Lancaster, Washington, D.C., and the Graver Arboretum.

El Grupo's educational programs also include lawyers who help prepare immigrants that are applying for citizenship and assist them with the required paperwork. Seven members have attained U.S. citizenship.

Even with a professional background, immigrants often have trouble finding jobs outside of the unskilled labor force. At El Grupo, the 120 members share information and resources to help each other find better jobs.

At El Grupo, information is given out on where to find help improving English language skills. "The Group is sort of like an information clearing house. We tell them where to get help," explained Sutherland.

Sutherland has involved the College in El Grupo by bringing students and immigrants together. They partner up to have conversation exchanges and trade off speaking one hour of Spanish with one hour of English each week. This improves the language skills of both foreign language students and immigrants. Ten Muhlenberg students are currently working with the immigrants in conversation exchanges. In addition to these programs, the El Grupo-Muhlenberg alliance gathers each year to celebrate The Day of the Dead, a bilingual/bicultural service held in Spanish and English by a pastor from El Salvador on campus, many of the immigrants plan to attend.

El Grupo has gained support from the Northeast Pennsylvania Lutheran Church and several private individuals. Sutherland has found a home for her organization in her church, San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church. Support also comes from MOPAC, the Moyer Packing Company.

This beef packing company employs over 16,000 people; two thirds of these people are Hispanic.

Sutherland has encouraged her community to motivate immigrants as they integrate into a new culture and surroundings.

Executive Board of the Grupo de Apoyo.

Photo courtesy of Erica Sutherland

WEEKLY life!

> "NOTHING IS BENEATH YOU IF IT IS IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR LIFE."
>
> -RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Presenters Anne Brown '03, Tilak Sundaresan '02, Jennifer Baldwin '02, Erica Schmitt '02 and Amanda Greiss '03 at the NCPTW.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Writing tutors gather to share ideas

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer

Along with the beautiful Indian summer weather, Muhlenberg gracefully hosted the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing this past weekend. The final count of attendees reached 375. This this three-day , 18th annual conference joined college-level faculty and students from Muhlenberg and a multitude of other colleges and universities across the United States in a discourse about student interaction in what is generally defined as a "writing center." According to Assistant Writing Center Director Monica Stufft, the conference and presentation were filled with energy. This writing conference, organized by Muhlenberg and Lafayette Colleges, was extremely well-received and highly regarded as a bustling plaza for the exchange of ideas, tips, and advice.

Over 60 colleges and universities from Pennsylvania and states as far as Kansas, Colorado, Vermont, Michigan and Texas attended the conference. Conference co-chairs Linda Miller (Director of Muhlenberg's Writing Center) and Beth Seetch of Lafayette College coordinated the programs and 72 presentations given by the student tutors and faculty. Some topics included public relations, plagiarism, authority, gender conflicts and multicultural issues. Among some Muhlenberg students who presented this weekend were Jennifer Baldwin '02, Anne Brown '03, Amanda Greiss '03, Erica Schmitt '02, and Tilak Sundaresan '02. Their presentation detailed strategies and ideas for marketing one's writing center. Another key session was led by Muhlenberg students John Franzen '03, Nikolay

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Award-winning author

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

Writer Scott Russell Sanders came to Muhlenberg on Wednesday, Nov. 5th. In this intimate setting, he answered questions and read some of his work to members of the Living Writers class, students and faculty. Sanders captured the audience's attention with his beautifully written work, which is deeply rooted in nature.

Currently living in Indiana with his wife, Sanders was born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1945. He studied Physics and English at Brown University, from which he graduated in 1967. Sanders then went on to complete his Ph.D. in English at Cambridge University in 1971. Since these accomplishments, Sanders has been teaching at Indiana University, where he is currently a Distinguished Professor of English.

Having Scott Russell Sanders at Muhlenberg was not only a privilege because he has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards (such as the Lannan Literary Award in 1995 for his nonfiction work), but also because his writing in the novel, *The Force of Spirit*, is quite different than much of what the Living Writers students have read throughout the semester. During an interview, Sanders discusses *The Force of Spirit*, which is his most recent book. "The writing felt to me like a prolonged quest for the deepest springs of life," Sanders says.

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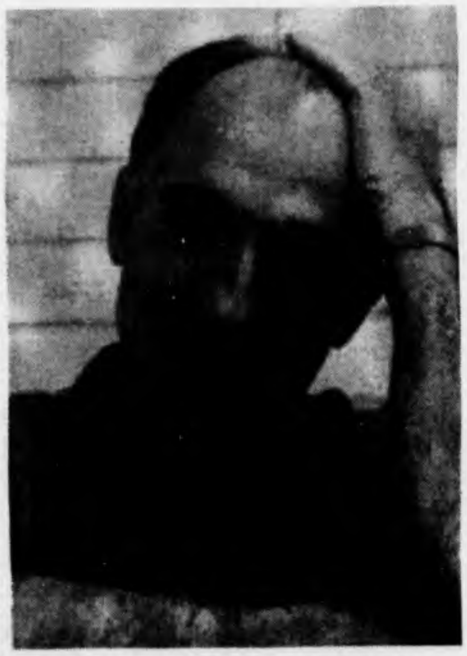

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Question of the Week: *If you could write a book on any subject, what would it be called?*

"Astrology: A Way to Derive Meaning from the Meaningless."
-Sean Berls '03

"Coping with Stress as a Health Care Provider."
-Devon Segel '02

"Non-Violent Civilian National Defense."
-Nancy Grove '02

"Martial Arts and Leadership."
-John Wolff '04

"Feng Shui."
-Jessica Freund '04

COMPILED BY DIANE REILLY

Education professor presents her true colors

By Jessica Skrocki
Life! Editor

Pearl Rosenberg, an Assistant Professor of Education at Muhlenberg since 1998, is currently exhibiting her artwork at the Town Hall Gallery in Bethlehem. Entitled *Figure/Ground*, the exhibition contains thirty works on paper created in graphite, charcoal, pastel and water media. Her subjects refer to the body in space and time, and also include landscapes and still lives.

"I am interested in representing the figure in ways that interrupt our culture's preoccupation with perfection," says Rosenberg. Her figures are noticeable outlines filled in with vibrant colors, drawing influence from classical figurative artists such as Michelangelo, and more modern Expressivists like Rodin.

Materials are very important to Rosenberg. Art for her is a sensory experience which implements perceptions of touch, sight and sound. She has studied fine arts at Pennsylvania State University, the Philadelphia Museum of Art Studio Program, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School.

Rosenberg (center) and her students pose next to her painting, "Tangerine Leg".

Photo by Jessica Skrocki

At the gallery opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 4th, a number of Muhlenberg students showed up to support their professor. All were warmly greeted and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with the artist about her work. Elizabeth McConnell, a sophomore in Rosenberg's Educational Psychology class, says, "This was the first time I saw a professor's outside interest, and it was great to see her outside the classroom. The artwork was really interesting, especially the figures."

Rosenberg says that she worked as a waitress and food service worker for 22 years to support her art habit. Because of this, she is donating 15% of the proceeds from her exhibit to "Windows of Hope", a family relief fund for those who worked at the Windows on the World Restaurant and other food service workers in the World Trade Center.

Figure/Ground is sponsored by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission. The show will run through Nov. 28th.

Peer tutoring in writing

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Pandoursky '04, Becky Richmond '04 and Brian Sunter '03 which examined the importance and value of friendship and familiarity in a writing center tutoring session, two concepts that are very integral in the operation and theory of tutoring at small colleges.

Monica Stufft and her co-presenter discussed tips for applicants considering such post-graduate opportunities as medical school, law school and humanities work. According to Stufft, the session was extremely well-received and was attended by a variety of people. Stufft and her co-presenter had previously met at a past conference, by combining their ideas and forces, created a presentation at this year's event while they enhancing the vitality of networking.

Among other notable lectures occurring this weekend were those of Ben Rafoth and keynote speaker and essayist Scott Russell Sanders. Ben Rafoth has played an integral role in clarifying and formulating the basis and idea of a writing center and has influenced many colleges and universities to adopt his views and institute his proposals. Scott Russell Sanders focused his speech entitled "Wild Words" on some of the vital concepts of his book about the writing process called *Writing from the Center*. He detailed his own process of writing and revision and the importance of the choices that writers make when dealing with diction.

The reactions of visiting participants were positive. Jon Olsen of Penn State at University Park's Center for Excellence in writing comments, "The tutors I brought loved it... not only were there good people and a strong program at the conference, we also found the facilities, catering and general hospitality to be delightful."

Miller is extremely pleased by the feedback from the conference's distant participants. The coordinators, presenters and tutors pooled their greatest efforts and triumphed with sparkling results and created a community that warmly welcomed others with common interests.

Top Five signs that students know it's November

5)Flu shots are avaliable at the Health Center
4)Political commercials on TV
3)The squirrels are in hibernation
2)Registration
1)The only students in
Parent's Plaza are smokers

By Kelly Anne Robertson

Alpha Chi Omega

CONGRATULATES its new sisters:

Christy Barnes
Jennifer Blatstein
Lisa Cavicchioli
Candice Coffman
Danielle DeLucia
Kate Dischino
Jennifer Gitto
Jennifer Healy
Emily Holod
Lauren Jacobs
Liz Katz
Erin Koontz
Alissa Maurer
Carolyn Orefice
Lindsay Penvose
Lauren Pilger
Jennifer Rigg
Amy Romm
Nicole Sarno
Rachel Scigliano
Sharon Seggel
Jamie Slivka
Ciara Sullivan
Carol Undreiner
Sarah Wasserkrug
Ashley Wentz
Kate Woodruff
Jennifer Youtsey

Student choreographers present new work

By Bree Troise
Weekly Guest Writer

This year's first installment of Student-Choreographed Dance Concerts begins Thursday, Nov. 15. These concerts serve as forums for dance majors, minors and enthusiasts alike who wish to showcase their choreographic talents in a studio performance atmosphere. Eight students have created pieces for the upcoming concert, which range from modern to pointe to tap in genre, and deal with motifs ranging from goofy circus themes to depictions of life as expressed through dreams.

Senior Emily Eger has created a trio piece rooted in modern choreography. "This is the first time I have worked with such a small group, and it's really exciting and different. We've been working with sharpness, angles, and strength. The three female dancers really carry a lot of power within their movement," commented Emily, when asked what her main focuses were in creating this piece.

Lisa Bottita '02 also showcases a modern piece, based thematically on the interrelations of family members. Senior Emily Abruzzi's modern piece experiments with sensory perceptions and femininity in a broader sense., and her dancers use scarves as props to amplify the themes of her piece.

Senior Jesse Wasilewski adds a large group modern piece to the repertoire of the show. Her use of a larger group of dancers allows her to play with pattern, focus and rhythm in this ensemble piece. Michelle Yuras, also a senior, offers a modern piece to the show; her use of musical timing and accents fuses qualities of music with qualities of movement.

Jan Knerr, a senior, works thematically with exploring different ways that life can be expressed though our dreams, and how dreams impact our daily lives through using a more fluid style of modern choreography.

Junior Meg Richwine adds the only ballet piece to the show, although the style is more similar to jazz. This use of implementing an alternate style for ballet and pointe gives a new, peppier representation of what can be the otherwise mundane, restrictive movements found in classical ballet.

Sal Cannady '02 rounds off the list with the show's only tap piece. He combines traditional show tap with a cappella rhythmic counterpoint components, all set to the backdrop of the circus. His piece, which is the only piece with males dancing in it, will serve as the lighter comic relief of the show.

These short descriptions only graze the surface of the themes and motifs that each choreographer has explored with their pieces, and the dancers are all excited to showcase their works for an audience of their peers.

The show will run from Thursday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Dance Studio Theater in the Trexler Pavilion for Theater and Dance.

A winner from Weezer

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

As is common with single and album releases in the music world, artists that sell their work in the summer often find that their great sales continue on throughout the following months. As songs off the albums are released at strategic intervals, new fans gain an appreciation for a band's sound, while old fans determine whether or not they want to remain loyal. Although not terribly fresh off the assembly line, one such example is Weezer's latest self-titled album, unofficially addressed as *The Green Album*. Containing such hits as this summer's "Island in the Sun" and "Hashpipe," Weezer's new compilation of songs scores big on the charts and enormously among fans.

Photo courtesy of www.cdnow.com

Many music-listeners often find that on any given album there is at least one song that they do not find to their liking. However, *The Green Album* gives a new perspective on this, as Weezer has reformed the mold and completely eliminated the infamous odious song. Rarely does one come across a set of ten songs on a CD where all are pleasant to hear, where every single song is different, yet aligned with the band's style. Weezer's entire new album is surprisingly fantastic, and their hardcore style is even more apt than on the self-titled *Blue Album* that allured die-hard fans with such hits as "Buddy Holly" and "Undone (The Sweater Song)" in 1994 and the *Pinkerton* album with "The Good Life" in 1996.

Holding true to form, Weezer recaptures the powerful guitar, heavy base, and definitive percussion styles that have rewarded them such

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK???

Thursday, November 8 ***BAND "REBEL SAINTS"***
Red Door 9-11pm

Friday, November 9 ***STUDENT BAND FESTIVAL***
Garden Room ***(co-sponsored by MAC & ISA)***
9:00pm - 2am (NOTE NEW TIME....9:00PM...not 10pm)

Saturday, November 10 ***GAME SHOW "ROOMMATE RIVALRY"***
Red Door
8-9:30pm

Red Door ***BLACK & WHITE DANCE PARTY***
10pm-2am

Wednesday, November 11 ***MAC MEETING @ 5pm Trumb 130***
Movie "Remember the Titans" 7pm Red Door

~ ~ horoscopes ~ ~

Aries

The one you love is needing more of your time. Or maybe it's just that they're worried that too much of your time goes to friends. Some honest communication could help things out.

Taurus

Staying home isn't as bad as it seems sometimes. You'll probably find that a night in front of the TV or curled up with a good book is a lot more fun than a night out with the gang every now and then.

Gemini

Don't waste your time or energy dwelling on things that are in the past. Sure, there are things you wish you'd done differently, but fretting about it isn't going to rewrite the book. Look ahead, not behind.

Cancer

A lot of people have their eye on you right now. Don't slip up and do anything · dumb while you've got everyone's attention. Instead, use your energies to surprise them even more.

Leo

Don't take someone's compliment and turn it upside-down. This is certainly not a charming skill. Accept it when someone tälks highly of you. Don't you deserve it?

Virgo

Wow, this is the day for you to get up in front of the class and present your project. Your energy has never been better! Carry it through to tonight — maybe a movie with you-know-who?

Libra

What a relief! You've been really concerned with romantic relationships lately, but today you get a break. It feels pretty great just to hang out with your friends. Enjoy being silly and carefree!

Scorpio

Are you in the here and now today? Probably not, since you'd rather be wandering off, either in your mind or on the road. Any chance of a field trip? If not, indulge your merry imagination.

Sagittarius

Don't force yourself to be the happy one all the time. When you feel like having a little chill-out time by yourself, then it's probably a good idea to do so. Let your friends cheer you up tonight.

Capricorn

That important relationship of yours is requiring your time today. Yeah, so the parents and baby brother want their share of your time, too. Make a move — is it about you or them? You decide!

Aquarius

Lunchtime is ripe for some fun and hijinks today, Aquarius. Sit with someone new or do something funny. Get up on the table and sing and dance, tell jokes or make a speech!

Pisces

It's romance you're thinking about today, Fish, which could make it pretty hard to keep your mind on school. Oh well. Come tonight, candles and music and lots of whispered wishes will rule.

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New Weezer album

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a large following. Unlike many new albums, *The Green Album* is almost subdivided into ten individual genres, each song well-defined from the next. Weezer has completely ignored the "generic band" sound and has established a style of their own that is threaded through all of their songs. Each one is a sing-along tune; every one has potential to be a favorite. Their original sound from previous albums is retained, yet their material is definitely new, extremely upbeat and lyrically understandable. *The Green Album* has everything it needs to continue to be a blowout seller until Weezer's next album is released.

So when the sickening radio repeats bore you, pick up Weezer's new album for a change. Their upbeat songs are addictively cheerful. It's good for a venting rampage or just a relaxing car-ride home. Instead of skip, you'll want to repeat.

Kippa/Yarmulke

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

A kippa (yarmulke is the Yiddish equivalent of this Hebrew word) is a skull cap traditionally worn by Jewish men and now also worn by some women. Wearing the kippa is a part of Jewish tradition; it is not required by Jewish law. Some say one origin for this custom is the Ancient Near Eastern standard for being "dressed up": it included having one's head covered. Because coming into God's presence is a serious event, demanding respect, the head should be covered. Some cover only for worship, study and eating meals; others cover all the time. The shape, style, size and fabric of the kippa vary greatly and can indicate the community or heritage from which one comes. There is no known connection between the kippa and the simliar red skull cap worn by cardinals in the Roman Catholic Church.

Sanders speaks

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"I was trying to figure out what I believe about the most fundamental questions facing us, about love and loss and death, about beauty and joy, about our place in nature, about the meaning of our death."

Sarah Kessler '02 comments about Sanders' newest novel, "Sanders seems to explore himself in his writing. He uses religion as a mode of exploration." While *The Force of Spirit* is nature based, it does contain aspects of religion. This idea is made credible during a recent interview in which Sanders explains, "Because I work in a university and spend much of my life among intellectuals, I am aware of how risky it is to confront religious questions as matters of deep and personal concern. Nonetheless, that is what they are for me, so I felt the need to address them."

Sanders has published eighteen books, including novels, essay collections and children's stories. Other awards he has received are the Great Lakes Book Award, a Guggenheim award and a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

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life! *movie listings*

November 9-11

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Shallow Hal
Fri.-1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00; Sat.-10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00; Sun.-10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40.

The Heist
Fri.-1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50, 12:00; Sat.-10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50, 12:00; Sun.-10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50.

Monsters, Inc (on 2 screens).
Fri.-12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:00; Sat.-10:00, 11:30, 12:20, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:00; Sun.-10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8;00, 9:30, 10:30.

Domestic Disturbance
Fri.-12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sat.-10:20, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-10:20, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00.

The One
Fri.-1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10, 12:00; Sat.-11:00, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10, 12:00; Sun.-11:00, :00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10.

K-Pax
Fri.-1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20; Sat.-10:50, 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20; Sun.-10:50, 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20.

13 Ghosts
Fri.-2:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10, 12:00; Sat.-12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 6:50, 9:10, 12:00; Sun.-12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 6:50, 9:10.

Rocky Horror Picture Show (special midnight movie)
Fri. and Sat.-12:00.

Volleyball beats Hopkins; falls to G-burg

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dinked the ball over the net just out of the reach of a diving Blue Jay. The 30-26 win gave the Mules a chance to play in the Championship match of the Conference Tournament. "The semifinal match was great," commented Ferrelli.

Statistical leaders for the match were Billie (16 kills, 3 blocks), Ferrelli (12 digs), and Senior Laura Funsten (45 assists). Funsten's assist total was three shy of her own school record for a three game match.

In the Championship match, the Mules faced off against Gettysburg who defeated Haverford in the second semifinal match of the day. The Mules got off to another quick lead by beating Gettysburg 30-26 in the first game. The Mules led throughout the game but were forced to withstand a Bullet thrust as Gettysburg scored five unanswered points toward the end of the game. The Mules ended up hanging on and winning the first game of the match 30-26.

In the second game, the Mules took the lead early, but Gettysburg quickly caught up and tied the score at nine. After tying the game, the Bullets never really looked back. The Mules tried to even the score, but every time they made an attempt, Gettysburg answered with a point of their own. The Bullets won the second game 30-22.

In the pivotal third game, the Mules led for the majority of the game, but couldn't hold off the Bullets as they scored five unanswered points. The Mules appeared to be in control of the game as they led 19-15 when Gettysburg called a timeout. The timeout proved to be beneficial for the Bullets as they then tied the game at 21. The game stayed tight and the Mules led 25-24, but that was as close to winning the game as they would get. The Bullets reeled off five points in a row and ended up winning by the score of 27-30.

The Mules never recovered from losing the third game as they went on to drop the fourth game as well. They started off slowly and never fully regained their composure. "It was a long day," said Ferrelli. The Mules were losing from the start 3-5 and the game began to slip away as the Mules were down 5-11 early in the game. A couple of times, the Mules appeared to gain some life, but the Bullets quickly squelched their hope by putting away some key shots. Gettysburg won the final game of the Centennial Conference Tournament, 19-30. This win gave the Bullets their seventh CC title in nine years and earned them a bid to the NCAA Tournament. "Overall though, we're really happy," said Ferrelli.

In the Championship match, Funsten again recorded 45 assists and became the first Mule to have 1,000 assists in a season. Her final tally came to 1,050 for the season and 3,071 for her career, both of which are school records. Leigh tallied four aces in the match to tie a school record of 69 aces in a season. Billie and Ferrelli totaled 18 and 14 kills respectively to become the first pair of Mule players in history to both break 300 kills in a season. Billie ended the season with 348 kills, which is the second highest total in Muhlenberg College history.

Despite losing in the finals, the Mules still had a successful season. They were originally chosen to finish sixth in the Conference, so their second place finish exceeded all expectations. "To go from sixth place [last year] to hosting the tournament this year is incredible," Ferrelli commented. The Mules also look forward to next season when they will return all of their players except for Funsten. Ferrelli expressed, "Laura will be impossible to replace. We are losing a teammate, a friend and a captain."

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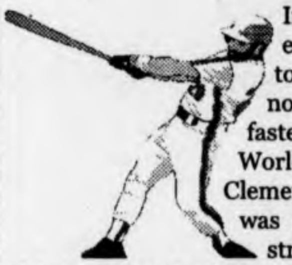
Outside the Bubble

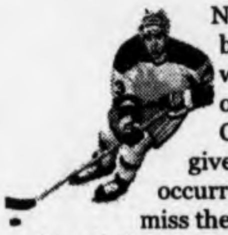
Compiled by Brian Talbott



In perhaps the greatest World Series ever, the Yankees lost, 2-3, in the bottom of the ninth in game seven to the now great Arizona Diamondbacks, the fastest franchise ever to make it to the World Series, let alone to win it. Roger Clemens, five time Cy Young award winner, was pulled after 6 1-3 innings with 10 strikeouts. He left without a Game 7 victory, the only thing missing on his Hall of Fame resume. Luis Gonzalez, of the Diamondbacks, brought the winning runner home off a single to keep the Yankees from winning their fourth straight World Series.

Former Dallas Cowboys star Nate Newton was arrested this weekend when 213 pounds of Marijuana was found in his van. Newton had fourteen seasons in the NFL and thirteen with the Cowboys. Newton is a six-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman who helped Dallas win three Super Bowls. He was arrested along with Faye Cleveland, 46, and Marva Johnson Waye, 49, both of Jacksonville, Fla. All three were charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana. All three had bail set at $200,000.

Mike Weir secured his first win of the season at the last meeting of the PGA's season – the Tour Championship. He sunk a five foot put for birdie on the first extra hole in a four-man playoff on Sunday. In a field that featured the top 30 players on the PGA Tour, Weir closed with a 68 despite a sloppy bogey on the final hole of regulation. He felt lucky to get into a playoff with Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia and PGA champion David Toms.



New York Rangers forward Zdeno Ciger has been suspended by the league for one game without pay for high-sticking Brad Ference of the Florida Panthers in a game Saturday. Ciger, who will lose $9,020 in salary, was given a match penalty on the play, which occurred at 9:10 of the second period. He will miss the Rangers' game Tuesday against Minnesota and is eligible to return on Thursday against the Islanders.

Rashard Lewis is ready to be counted as one of the NBA's leading stars. Only three years out of high school, he had the best game of his career this Monday night as the Seattle SuperSonics defeated the Orlando Magic, 123-119 in double overtime. Lewis scored 36 points and had 19 rebounds, hitting 15 for 28 shots, including five of eight 3-pointers.

Press Release:

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

The football team swept the weekly CC honors as Junior quarterback Justin Jones was named Offensive-Player-of-the-Week and Senior free safety Erik Hammar was named Defensive-Player-of-the-Week.

Jones accounted for 291 yards of total offense and five touchdowns to win the award for the second time this season. He rushed nine times for 115 yards, becoming the first Muhlenberg quarterback to rush for over 100 yards in a game since 1974, and scored on runs of eight and 47 yards. The latter was the Mules' longest run from scrimmage this year. Jones also completed 18 of 31 passes for 176 yards and three more scores of 10, seven and 22 yards.

Hammar set a CC record by intercepting four passes. It was the most thefts by a Mule since 1942. His efforts helped Muhlenberg limit the 10th-ranked passing offense in Division III to just 18 completions in 55 attempts. Coincidentally, Hammar shared player of the week honors last year after the Hartwick game, when the Mules tied a school record with seven picks. He is tied for the CC lead with seven interceptions this season, including six in the last two weeks.

Scoreboard

Football
Sat., Nov. 3 vs. Hartwick,
63-13

MUHLENBERG VARSITY SOCCER

Men's Soccer
Fri., Nov. 2 vs.
Western Maryland,
0-1

Women's Soccer
Sat., Nov. 3 vs.
Elizabethtown, 3-1
Sun., Nov. 4 vs. The
College of New Jersey, 0-3

Volleyball
Sat., Nov. 3 vs. Johns
Hopkins, 3-0
Sat., Nov. 3 vs.
Gettysburg, 1-3

MUHLENBERG WRESTLING

Wrestling
Sat., Nov. 3 vs. Boston College, 33-17
Sat., Nov. 3 vs. Centenary (NJ), 39-13
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16-24

Soccer loses to powerhouse New Jersey

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points list. A little over 11 minutes later, Freshman Lauren DiStefano notched her second goal of the season as she shot one in from 20 yards out. The Golden Bears' Blake misjudged the ball and didn't even attempt to make the save because they thought the shot was going to be wide.

On Sunday, the Mules lost to the Lions, 0-3, in the third game of the Tournament, giving the Lions a 3-0 all-time record over the Mules.

The Lions left the game with a perfect 19-0 record while the Mules finished their season at 19-3. The Lions have not had a single goal scored against them this entire season.

"We went in expecting to have a really good chance. Last year we were very intimidated by them, but I think that this year we had the right attitude, thinking that we had just as much of a chance to win as they did," said Iberer. "We played very well, The College of New Jersey was only up by one goal at the half, but I think that we became discouraged after they scored their second goal, and once the put the third one in, it was pretty much over. We really wanted to put one in the back of the net, just to break their record of not being scored upon all season, they have a lot more to lose than we did."

The Lions' senior goalkeeper Victoria Nusse (Westfield, NJ/Westfield) made three saves on four shots by the Mules to pick up her 14th solo shutout of the season and 41st of her career. Junior tri-captain Kim Laurino made six saves from nine shots.

"We went farther this year than ever before and broke a lot of records. It's really good for Jennie Vroman, as she's the only graduating senior this year. We did make it to the third round of the NCAA's. Because The College of New Jersey is in our region, to get further than we did we have beat them. It was an upsetting way to lose the season, but since we did do so well, it really softened the loss," expressed Iberer. The Mules the school record for the most wins in a season, 19, the most shutouts, 12, and longest winning streak, 17.

When asked if the team would be able to reproduce this year's excellent season next year? Iberer replied, "Yes. We're losing Vroman who's a great player and an excellent asset to the team, but she is the only senior that we're losing. Last year we lost a lot of key starters and we were able to do better this year, so I would anticipate doing just as well if not even better next season."

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The women's soccer team beat Elizabethtown on Saturday with a final score of 3-1.

Profile of a Mule

Junior Holly Pico: She "plays hard and plays to win"

By Calvin Tintle
Weekly Sports Writer

Play to have fun. Sports are an escape. They are a way to escape the ordinary, everyday flow of life. They are always around us and will always be around us. And they can be enjoyed, followed and most importantly loved by people of all ages. We all hear of the child that wants to grow up to be a professional athlete because he was inspired by a beautiful play that was on TV. We also see older people that use sports as an escape from work, a chance to unite with other people and a way to get outside, break a sweat and have fun.

After the Sept. 11 attacks on America, sports have become an outlet, a way to look past this tragedy and a way to escape. Sports are fun and also competitive. A true love of sport comes with having a sense of fun when being played. They can be a way to get out of the classroom for two to three hours, out of the office, out of the kitchen or out of the house. Put on a pair of pads, or grab a stick, or slip into a pair of running shoes, and get dirty, sweat, and have fun.

Holly Pico, a junior here at Muhlenberg, is an athlete that has taken pure enjoyment from playing field hockey, while still being competitive. She is integral part of the team.

Pico was born in Lincoln Park, New Jersey, and attended Boontown High School. While in high school, she played field hockey and softball. She also was a member of the swim team. After excelling tremendously in high school, she knew that she, "wanted to play in college." Pico chose Muhlenberg because of its academic reputation and also because, "it was close."

After having successful freshman and sophomore years playing at the position of right wing, this 2001 season has been equally successful. The Mules finished with an 8-9 record. Pico said, "The record doesn't show how good we really are, and three or four games were lost in overtime or by one goal." When one hears of losses by such short margins, one can assume that the next year will be more successful, and it shows that the team is growing.

This season has been, as Pico said, "a fun season, and I have entered every game to have fun, yet still play hard and play to win." This season has also been a growing season because, "the dynamics of the team have improved, and we have molded." Pico's personal stats have also been outstanding. She says, "I try to stay focused and play one game at a time." This method must have worked because she finished this season with seven goals and three assists for a total of seventeen points. Two of her goals came in this season's final game against Bryn Mawr, which the Mules won 3-0.

What motivates Pico to play? Her family is a vital and supports her fully. Her grandparents, who are also very supportive, spend time on the Internet on game day so they can give Pico a phone call talk about the game with their granddaughter once she comes home. The Mules' coach has also been important to the team. Pico says, "she is a great motivator and has prepared us well."

Pico's major is psychology, and she plans to attend graduate school. She has been an inspiration and an important part of the Muhlenberg College athletic community.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Football

The Mules defeated Hartwick, 63-13, for their fourth straight win on Sat.

The 63 points scored and 50-point margin of victory represented program highs for the Mules since a 67-7 win against Swarthmore in 1947. Muhlenberg scored nine touchdowns and rolled up a season highs of 545 yards and 30 first downs. The defense allowed only 9 rushing yards and 18-of-55 passing against a Hartwick (6-3) offense that ranked among the best in Division III.

Hammar picked off a pass on the third play from scrimmage and returned the ball to the 7-yard line, setting up the first of Jones' two touchdown runs. By halftime, he was the first Muhlenberg player since 1988 to intercept three passes in a game, but he was "too legit to quit" there, adding his fourth on the Hawks' first offensive play of the second half. The school record for interceptions in a game is five, set by Pete Gorgone in 1942.

Senior Joshua Carter caught 10 passes for 76 yards and broke three records: the school marks for touchdowns in a career (41) and receiving yards in a career (2,680) and the Centennial Conference record for career yards on punt returns (1,549). He needs five more catches to become the all-time receptions leader.

Sophomore Matt Bernardo and Senior Kamali Roberts scored a pair of touchdowns apiece. Bernardo finished with 73 yards to move into fifth place on the Mules's all-time list and move to within 10 yards of 1,000 for the season.

Men's Soccer

Tom Long headed in a cross from Vinny Pedalino with 4:30 left in the second overtime to give Western Maryland a 1-0 win over Muhlenberg on Friday in a semifinal match of the Centennial Conference men's soccer tournament.

The Mules (12-6) took 12 shots and had good chances to score, but Western Maryland goalie Ryan Defibaugh made several point-blank saves to give the Green Terror their third straight win against Muhlenberg. The game was 4:30 away from going into penalty kicks when Long scored.

Entering the game, Muhlenberg was ranked eighth in the Mid-Atlantic Region and Western Maryland was eighth. Of the Mules' six losses on the season, five were to teams ranked ahead of them in the region.

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Saturday, November 17

Women's Tournament
Friday, November 16
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3:00 Muhlenberg vs. Widener
Saturday, November 17
1:00 Consolation Game
6:00 Championship Game

Men's Tournament
Friday, November 16
6:00 Baldwin-Wallace vs. Moravian
8:00 Muhlenberg vs. Philadelphia Biblical
Saturday, November 17
3:00 Consolation Game
8:00 Championship Game

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SPORTS

Volleyball finishes 2nd in CC

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Assistant Sports Editor

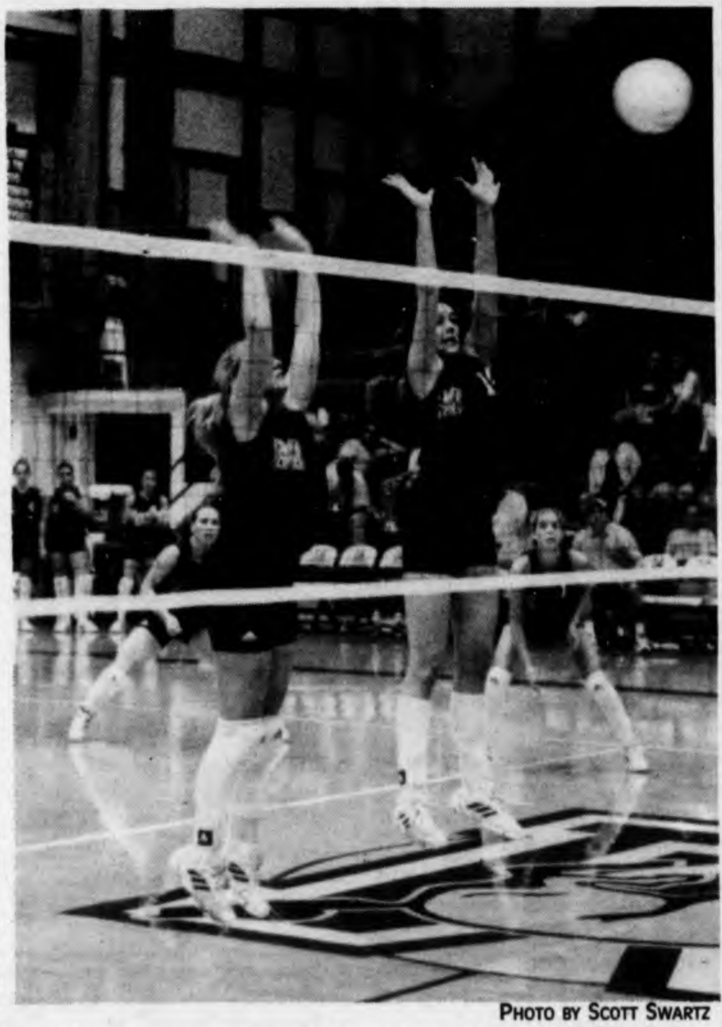

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Juniors Dana Ferrelli and Meaghan Billie had 12 and 16 kills, respectively, against Johns Hopkins in the CC Tournament.

Despite a strong showing in the semifinals of the Centennial Conference Tournament, the Mules' Volleyball team lost in the finals, earning them a second place finish overall. The Mules hosted the Tournament as the number one seed in the Conference. They earned this privilege by virtue of their 8-2 regular season record and that they defeated Johns Hopkins, Haverford and Gettysburg during the regular season.

"Our goal was to finish in the top four of the Conference," said Junior offensive leader Dana Ferrelli. The turning point for the Mules' season came when they defeated Gettysburg during the regular season. Beating Gettysburg gave the Mules the confidence needed for the rest of the season.

The Mules played in the first semifinal of the day. Playing in the first match gave the Mules more time to rest before competing in the Championship match. Sophomore Kate Woodruff began serving for the Mules against Johns Hopkins in the first match of the day. Woodruff served well and the Mules jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first game. The Mules never looked back after that, maintained their lead and went on to win the first game by the score of 30-27.

In the second game of the semis, the Mules pulled away, and ended up winning the game by 30-21. Junior Meaghan Billie had a kill and a block, and Sophomore Maria Poluka added a kill of her own to earn the Mules their last three points of the game.

The third game of the Hopkins match proved to be exciting. They appeared to be pulling away early and led the Blue Jays ten to five. However, the rally scoring allowed Hopkins to catch up and tie the game at thirteen. The Mules pulled together though and pushed the score to 21-16 at which point Hopkins called a timeout. Following the break, the game remained even and the Mules were up 28-22 and very much in control of the game, however they made a few costly errors and allowed Hopkins to score three unanswered points. The Mules called a timeout of their own to regroup when the score reached 28-25. Hopkins came out of the timeout and scored however, extending the Mules' lead to just two points. Junior Dana Ferrelli came through with a clutch kill to give the Mules their first match point. One match point was all the team would need though. On the next point, Junior Jen Leigh

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Women's soccer loses in final round of ECAC

BY BRIAN TALBOTT
Managing Editor

The women's soccer team had incredible unseasonable weather on Saturday as they won the semifinal game to advance to the championship game of the Mid-Atlantic Regional of the NCAA Division III Tournament. However, on Sunday, The College of New Jersey continued their 36-game winning streak as the beat the Mules, 3-0.

In the first round of the Mid-Atlantic Regionals on Saturday, the Mules defeated local rival Elizabethtown, 3-1. The first 40 minutes of the game were scoreless until Sophomore Dawn Iberer broke the stalemate with a goal at 41:06 with an assist from Senior Jennie Vroman. This happened to be the exact same time that Iberer scored the only goal of the Centennial Conference game last Saturday. Once the first goal was scored, the Mules went on a roll, scoring on the next two shots.

Freshman Rebecca Armstrong, assisted by Monica Jones, scored the second goal of the game 43:08 into the game then Sophomore Courtney Levine scored seven minutes later with an assist from Armstrong. Elizabethtown's Megan Halladay scored their lone goal of the game, but they just couldn't come back as the Mules extended their record to 19-2.

In the second semifinal game of the Tournament on Saturday, Johns Hopkins played against The College of New Jersey. The College of New Jersey defeated the Golden Bears, 3-0, ending Western Maryland's season with a record of 14-8-1. New Jersey's Junior Gia Rosamilia notched her second goal of the match at 63:57 with an assist Junior Alison Baker to give the Lions a 2-0 lead. With those two goals, Rosamilia scored her 90th career point which placed her fifth on the school's all-time

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Wrestling goes 2-1 in New York at season-opening tournament

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Weekly Sports Writer

Wrestling Head Coach Tom Schleicher has three goals for the team this season: "Win the Conference Championship, have two All-Americans and be a top 25 Division III team." Judging by the Mules' very impressive showing in their first match of the season at the NYU Invitational in New York last Saturday, it appears that Coach Schleicher and the team may well reach their goals.

The Mules' first opponent of the tournament was Boston College, a school that wrestles at the Division I level. Led by victories from Freshmen Brian Marcotulli (125), Dylan Moulton (141), Sophomore Bill Cummings (197), Junior tri-captain Nate Yeasted, Senior tri-captain Bill Holsinger (149) and Sophomore Heavyweight Josh Carter, who missed his freshman season due to a broken ankle, the squad beat Boston College by the score of 33-17.

Pitted against Centenary the Mules came away with a 39-13 victory. In addition to wins by Yeasted, Carter, Moulton, and Holsinger, Junior Joe Salerno (157), Sophomore Shawn Zeplin (165) and Senior Dave Jenning (184), also won their bouts, which helped the team secure their second victory of the day.

The Mules' only loss of the tournament came against host NYU. The score of the Mules' final match was 16-24. However, Yeasted, Carter, Holsinger and Zeplin won their bouts.

Despite the loss to NYU, Coach Schleicher commented, "I was very pleased with our performance and the entire team wrestled well." The team will be on the road next Saturday participating in the Monarch Tournament held at King's College. The tournament "will be a good test for the team. Last year we finished third. Hopefully we can finish higher this year."

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Memorial project nears goal

The College's memorial project is in its final stages, with only about a dozen figures needed.

PHOTO BY JESSICA SKROCKI

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

The College's memorial project that began in reaction to Sept. 11, has nearly reached its goal.

According to Professor Scott Sherk, the Center of the Arts only needs a few more figures to reach the intended total of 6,000. He wanted the College community to be aware that this is the last chance to participate in the sculpture making.

At the beginning of this week, Sherk was not sure of the exact number and went on to say he had not counted them in the past couple of days.

After learning about the College's memorial project honoring the victims of the

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Presidential Assistantship opening

Evening College student leaves current position as PA to fulfill new duty of motherhood

BY MATT MEYERS AND KELLY LEHMAN
News Editors

Presidential Assistants (PA's) usually fill their position for at least two semesters, starting in the fall semester of their junior or senior year. But one PA will be leaving this semester due to pregnancy.

This may seem unusual or unexpected, until one discovers that Oksana Hudak is a married evening college student taking classes in Russian Studies.

With a Ukrainian family history, Hudak was interested in that area of study, but could not find any schools in this area that offered Ukrainian in their curriculum.

Hudak began her position as a PA in July, 2000, in the office of Career Development and Placement. She found it to be a "great program" and liked the idea of getting reimbursed for classes.

Evidently, other students have interest in the program as well, because each year about half of the PA's graduate, and their positions are filled by a new group of students. Anne Hochella, Vice President of Human Resources, says she gets nervous every spring, but that things work out and the positions are filled.

The PA program allows juniors and seniors to get jobs as entry-level managers of the College.

Typically, there are no PA positions open mid-year, but since Hudak is taking some time off to have her baby, there will be an opening in the OCDP for the spring semester. Hudak plans on coming back to the College some time in the future, although she has not decided exactly when that time will be. Hudack hails from Walnutport and Hochella said, "She [Hudack] and her husband are very excited about this. It was a nice surprise."

This year, out of the 13 PA positions, only six were filled by traditional day students. Evening College students hold the other seven spots.

The PA program allows juniors and seniors to get jobs as entry-level managers of the College. "Being a manager carries with it certain project responsibilities," said Hochella.

There are several requirements and qualities a student must have in order to apply for one of these positions. All of these jobs require a 20 hour per week commitment.

It is also recommended that students applying have a GPA of at least 3.0. PA's also have part-time student status. Most take two courses per semester, or three with proper permission. Since they are part-time students, PA's are required to live off-campus in

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New trustees join the College's Board

Members run college corporation with the full power to exercise the school's rights

BY KELLY LEHMAN
News Editor

At the full Board of Trustees meeting in October, members voted to elect Elizabeth "Betsy" A. Urmston-Fowle '76, president of Graphic Marker International, and Paul L. Vikner '71, president and CEO of Mack Trucks, Inc., Allentown, Pa., as full trustees. Jeffrey R. Porphy '89, chief operating officer for the Mergers and Acquisitions Group of Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) in New York, N.Y., was named as an associate trustee.

All three new members are Muhlenberg graduates.

The College is a corporation, and as such its purpose is to provide higher education in the branch of human learning. According to the College's charter, this learning is to take place in an atmosphere of Christian culture, in order to make "real a thorough academic and cultural preparation for all avenues of life." The duty of the Board of Trustees is to represent the College. The Trustees have full power to act for the College in exercising all of its rights, duties, privileges and powers. These trustees conduct the business of the corporation, by managing it.

The election process for new trustees begins when possible trustees' names are brought forward to the president of the College and the Chairman of the Board. Nominees are submitted either by other trustees or through Tilghman Moyer, the vice president of Alumni Development.

The Board Chair then proposes trusteeships to the nominating committee. This committee approves or rejects the nomination. If approved, it goes to the Executive Committee of the Board. If approved there, it goes to the full Board for approval.

The nominating committee meets each time the Board meets, which is once in April and again in October. If

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David M. Sobotkin, Editor-in-Chief Brian Talbott, Managing Editor

Muhlenberg's esteemed opportunities

Muhlenberg College prides itself with having a student body of active participants within the College itself, and the community as a whole. The typical Muhlenberg student often juggles many different extracurricular commitments in addition to his or her semester course load. One of the more reputable opportunities offered by the College is the job of Presidential Assistant. While the College strongly urges its students to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity, less than half the positions are often filled by Day College students. Instead, Evening College students often accept them.

It is truly unfortunate that so many Muhlenberg students fail to recognize the job of being a Presidential Assistant as the exceptional offer that it indubitably is. The collegiate arena provides students with a plethora of unbelievable experiences that will only be offered to them during their college career. Therefore, it is imperative that the students that are interested in becoming a Presidential Assistant seize this opportunity. We, the students of Muhlenberg College, are so fortunate to receive the education we do at such an esteemed liberal arts college. It is our responsibility to ourselves, and to the College, to take on positions such as a Presidential Assistant, while we have the chance.

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As college-age students, being a manager at a college is an opportunity that cannot be overlooked. The fact that day students scoff this off shows a lack of thought and provides a gift to night schoolers.

Many students here take out loans to pay tuition often. This money will take years to pay off. The college does not have to offer these opportunities to students. It is there to help students gain an understanding of the business world while not only paying their tuition, but also paying them a small salary. These positions also allow students to have an active relationship with faculty and administrators. Working in specific offices around campus teaches these students how to manage a department.

There are several former PA's who are now full-time managers with the College as well as several other colleges and universities. Job opportunities coupled with the fact that the PA's tuition is paid for is a win-win situation that should not be ignored.

Letters to The Editor

The Greeks have a positive effect

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter for two purposes. First, I would like to thank the Greek community for its tremendous support of the 2nd annual Sean Cunningham Volleyball tournament. The Greek community sponsored sixteen teams, and helped to raise over $2000 for Turning Point and the Heifer Project. In the past six months the Interfraternity Council has raised over $4200 for charities and done countless other community service activities.

The second purpose of my letter is to respond to the editorial written by Andrew May. First and foremost, I reject the opinion that all Greeks are conformists. I would guess that the Greek organizations on campus are more diverse than Muhlenberg College itself. For example, at my fraternity, we currently have approximately seventy members who come from many diverse backgrounds. Our brotherhood is made up of gentlemen who come from six different countries, each sharing their customs with the rest of the house. Our diversity is one of the best assets of our house because through this, we can learn about each other and learn to be more tolerant.

I was particularly disturbed by his mentioning that "Greek life promotes little self-growth on campus." A look at the members of our college's clubs,

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The futility of the Greek system

To The Editor:

Congratulations are in order for the courageous Andrew May, the guest columnist who last week wrote an article enumerating the problems with fraternities and sororities. Since my freshman year I've vowed on at least a dozen occasions to submit such an article to The Weekly, but I've held off due to fear that I would be the object of resentment. Now a senior, I can no longer stay silent-and why should I? Particularly during this time of national crisis, I am more convinced than ever that there is no justification for any institutionalized division between humans.

The truth--and it is known by anyone with any honest political understanding--is that the Greek system propagates a scary array of our societal ills. I am increasingly dismayed and angered by the fact that academic institutions look the other way in the presence of these organizations fueled by classism, sexism, heterosexism and anti-intellectualism. Such divisions are simply inexcusable, and how I pray for the day when this College and all others will begin to realize their full potential and liberate themselves from Greek life.

Until that day arrives, I want to know what ever happened to remembering one's backbone. How dare any organization tell me who to name as

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Flag burning: undoubtedly unpatriotic

Luke Tomanelli

Weekly Columnist

As I approach the mid-point of my sophomore year in college I've found my schedule to be rather consistent. On a typical day, I'll find that I've misplaced another valuable item, such as my wallet or textbook or car keys, but aside from that, my mornings rarely deviate from the normal schedule. Once I've located my misplaced items, I'll throw on a suitable outfit, walk out the door with cell-phone in hand and will gradually make my way down Academic Row. Before I exit the building, however, and even before I exit my disgusting room, I'll take a moment to reflect on how proud I am to be an American.

This past week I read an article in The Weekly entitled "Flag burning: our constitutional right". In reference to the Anti-Flag Burning Amendment that is currently being proposed in Congress, the author of the article states, "The American flag is indeed the symbol of our nation, and it does deserve our respect, but it is not something sacred and is not something that should be worshipped." The author makes such a statement in an effort to convey the point that the proposal of such an amendment does violate our First Amendment right to freedom of speech, and is, therefore, unconstitutional. My purpose in writing is not to debate whether or not the proposal of such an amendment is unconstitutional, as that will be determined by the Supreme Court. My point is, however, to make a statement against those unpatriotic enough to even consider burning the most sacred symbol of American ideals.

The flag, in reality, is sacred because it stands for what it means to be an American.

The American flag may be quite simple in its physical structure; it's a large piece of cloth composed of seven red lines, six white ones, and a blue background with fifty white stars in the top left corner. However, as we all know--and as the author acknowledges, "It symbolizes the values, traditions, and aspirations that bond us together as Americans." These words certainly hold validity, but they don't take the true meaning of the American flag far enough. The flag, in reality, is sacred because it stands for what it means to be an American. It stands for freedom of speech, freedom of choice, freedom of religion and the many other freedoms that the word limit on this article won't allow me to list. I've observed that some people love to complain about how horrible our government is. However, if such individuals were transplanted all-of-a sudden to one of the many nations that don't guarantee the freedoms that we take for granted, they would immediately realize how lucky they are to be Americans.

As I stated before, my intention is not to bash the author, because she never alludes to saying that she herself would set a flame to the American flag, and even if she were to say so, that is her right as provided by the First Amendment. However, as Americans, we need to realize that we are some of the most fortunate people on the planet and that to burn our flag is to insult the awesome freedoms that the American people are permitted to practice. As I stated before, I am a proud American. Whether or not the Anti-Flag Burning Amendment is passed, I will continue to love my nation in the same manner which I'm accustomed to doing for the rest of my life. God Bless America, and God Bless the flag.

Luke Tomanelli is a sophomore with an International Studies major.

Walking backwards: Tour guides move forward

Annie Glass
Associate Editor

Reflecting on a campus tour I gave this afternoon, I found one thing resonated with me. The families I was showing around asked me about the availability of jobs on campus. They remarked how they assumed that my being a tour guide was my job. When I told them that tour guiding was something I did for fun, they were shocked. "You just spent over an hour with us and did such a great job, what motivates you to do that every week for fun?" they asked.

There are many things that motivate me to give weekly campus tours. I am a passionate person, and one thing I am very passionate about is my love for Muhlenberg. I enjoy sharing this passion with others. I know that the families who come to this campus get their first impression of our school from their tour guide. It makes me feel very satisfied to show people our beautiful campus and talk about all the amazing opportunities and events that are right here for all the students to enjoy. Even when I am in a bad mood, once I start giving a tour and start saying out loud all the wonderful things about our school, I cannot help but feel happier and so lucky to be a student here. Never a tour goes by when a parent won't remark on how much college has changed since they were in school, how nice everything is now, and how they wish they could be where we are.

As President Arthur Taylor remarked at a recent dinner for the tour guides, you can have something so great but if you cannot market it and sell it you have nothing. Tour guides are the marketers for Muhlenberg. We go out and sell the school. The reason we all do it for free is that this job does not just benefit the school, there are a number of benefits for the tour guide as well. When you are first accepted into the program, there is an incredible feeling of honor and accomplishment. This feeling continues to grow every time you give a tour. Tour guides get a feeling that they are playing an intricate role in the Muhlenberg community. They have an effect on who will make up the future classes of Muhlenberg. Also, the feedback from perspectives is enough to please anyone. Every once in a while, I will receive e-mails from students I showed around saying thanks or good job and letting me know that they are going to apply to Muhlenberg because of their positive experience touring here.

I think you really have to have the experience of giving a tour, and the feelings of reward and satisfaction that come along with it, to understand why the thought of a paycheck in return is not even a consideration to so many students.

Shine on you crazy registrar -- Part 1-5

Evan Halperin and Jeff Morro
Weekly Columnists

The only thing worse than the Yankees losing in the World Series is the utter absurdity that we call class registration at Muhlenberg. The process of registration here at the 'Berg is one of the most astonishingly inefficient operations since NASA. Every registration period there is never a subject as sore as online registration. While Muhlenberg offers its students the finest in academics and recreational amenities, it lacks the foresight to offer a necessity like online registration.

Call up your buddy in Penn State or Franklin and Marshall. Ask him or her if they have to wake up at the crack of dawn and personally hand in their class registrations. Invariably the answer will be no, and do you know why? Because it is a pre-historic institution that has not already established a system for online registration. John Fargo, a freshman at Rutgers University, was appalled by the fact that Muhlenberg had the audacity to make students register in person. Martin Baer, a sophomore at the University of Maryland, exclaimed "It is a travesty, that you actually have to wake up to hand in a silly piece of paper in this age of e-mail...that's horrible!"

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As students here at Muhlenberg, it is difficult to comprehend the rational behind the administration's refusal to convert registration methods. It is not an argument that is solely based on laziness and procrastination; there are clear benefits to online registration. The foremost benefit would be the increases convenience to the students themselves. It is often forgotten by the powers that be, that we students actually have more productive things to do on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning than to sit in the basement of Haas (class, duh). They are thoughtless enough to conflict the scheduling of new classes with the completion of current classes. What kind of message does that send to our children?

We're no computer experts, but one can assume that the technology involved is nothing that our OIT people can't tackle. Muhlnet has proven itself to be nothing but sturdy, reliable and trouble free. I can't even remember the last time I was kicked off AIM. ROW, or registrar on the web, if you're not hip to the registration lingo, seems like a paradox. They tantalize you with the ability to "choose" your classes over the Internet, and pride themselves with their up-to-the minute updates on class seats remaining.

Why must we as Muhlenberg students pain ourselves to walk that extra 50 yards when we could just roll out of bed and register for classes? We, as privileged sons and daughters of millionaires, implore that our cohorts join us in our undying struggle against tyranny and boycott manual registration.

Evan Halperin and Jeff Morro are sophomores.

Thanksgiving Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Wednesday, November 21 and Sunday, November 25 to accommodate those traveling for Thanksgiving break. The scheduled times are as follows:

Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal

Departs Center for the Arts on Wednesday, November 21: 10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Charcoal Drive-In on Sunday, November 25: 3:55 p.m., 5:25, 6:55, 8:25, 9:55

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Weekly Discourse: Interfaith relationships

Unquestionably legitimate or an invitation for future problems?

Amanda Phillips
Weekly Guest Columnist

Sometimes you can't help with whom you fall in love. We all can imagine the type of person that would be ideal for us to spend the rest of our live with, but that's not usually the way it works out. There are oftentimes unseen complications, and this includes differences in religion. There are a great deal of people who would not think becoming serious with someone who is not of their religion. I happen to believe, however, that if you agree on basic principles and if you love each other, then that's all that should matter.

I am not a hopeless romantic, nor do I fanatically advocate interfaith dating. I know that interfaith relationships are not easy. I simply think you should keep your options open, using caution, of course. Know what your limits are and how important your religion is to you and to a future marriage and children. Think about whether or not you would be able to give up raising your children to be your religion. Decide now, but don't rule out the possibility that you might change.

I support interfaith relationships because I was raised in a family where my mother is Jewish and my father is Episcopalian. My parents decided early on that since they loved each other; they would work with the situation they were given. In the end, they decided that neither would convert but that their children would be raised as Christians. To them, their love for each other was more important than what religion they believed in. They worked around the factor of faith.

This is not for everyone, but I strongly believe that you should not limit yourself. Maybe the person who had the same morals, the same goals, the same love and likes, and who says all the right things is of another faith and if you just rule him or her out, you could be losing your soul mate. Everyone has differences. Maybe your significant other wants to live in a different state than you. Maybe he or she doesn't want kids and you do. There are a hundred disagreements and differences that a couple could have, and they could work through them in the name of love.

If you could never see yourself with a person of another faith, then it's good that you know yourself well enough in order to avoid a relationship that is going to end up in hurt. If this is not the case for you, though, keep your options open and see the possibility of an interfaith relationship as a way to learn about something new. I would encourage you to dive in and learn all that you can. There's indeed more to a relationship, of course, than religion. It does not really matter where your soul mate's faith lies, as long as he or she has faith in you.

Rev. Peter Bredlau
Weekly Guest Columnist

Dating, as it mostly happens on college campuses, is not a very serious endeavor, and despite the best intentions of many couples, remarkably few college relationships evolve into marriage. I'll concentrate on those relationships that are growing towards lifetime commitment.

There are lots of combinations that seem like interfaith relationships. Some couples choose one tradition in favor of another. My own paternal grandparents chose this when my grandfather moved from the Lutheran church to his wife's Roman Catholic church. In other couples, one continues their tradition and the other either has none or opts out of their own. A common example is the observant mother who takes the children to her church while the father does not participate. Although each of these couples has faith as an issue in their relationship and some of the issues are quite challenging, I would not define them as interfaith.

I define an interfaith relationship as having two people who are observant in different faith traditions. Difference of belief and practice can pose serious problems for couples, especially when children are a part of the family. Religious belief and practice are central to one's personality. Many religious traditions, although they strive to get along, are mutually exclusive; especially among Christian denominations. At an emotional level, observant individuals closely identify with their religious tradition and any threat to the legitimacy of that tradition can be perceived as a threat to the integrity of the person. One can imagine the underlying tension in a relationship where you wonder if the other takes you and your faith seriously, or worse, wonder if the other is secretly trying to convert you to his or her way.

Practically, raising children in an interfaith home can be very tricky. I know young people who have been raised in homes where their parents exposed them to each of their faith traditions or neither. In each case, the young people express great conflicts about religion and religious expression. This can happen in a home with one or no faith tradition, but in interfaith homes, the burden is doubly challenging.

I am not suggesting that all interfaith relationships are doomed and that the children of such unions are destined for the therapist's couch, or worse, the set of Oprah. However, if you're serious about your faith and want to spend your life with someone who is serious about another faith, you owe it to yourselves to think about the potential difficulties.

Rev. Peter Bredlau is the Chaplain of Muhlenberg College.

The Greek life: The good life

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organizations, and athletic teams will show that many are members of Greek organizations. In fact, many Greeks serve as the president, the captain, or members of the executive board of these groups. All but two United States Presidents have been members of Greek organizations. This is no coincidence; Greek organizations help to build tomorrow's leaders.

When I am on campus wearing my fraternity's letters across my chest, I am not doing this as a means of advertising. Instead, I am showing my pride in being a member of my fraternity. Joining a Greek organization was the best decision that I made in college. I have become friends with people that I might not necessarily have met had I not joined. I have also been able to keep in touch with the friends that I made throughout my college career, even those who decided that Greek life was not for them.

Again, I would like to reiterate my appreciation for the tremendous Greek involvement in the Sean Cunningham Volleyball tournament and the many other Greek sponsored events of the past year. The Greeks on campus have proven that they are not simply here for partying and socializing. I believe that Greeks make a difference in every organization in which they are involved, and I am proud to say that I am a member of a Greek organization.

-- Elliot Silver, President, Interfraternity Council

The Greek system deemed demeaning

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friend, and when to study, and when to deprive myself of sleep in the name of group torture or catty antics? How dare any organization mandate that I dress up on a particular day of every week, and pin a particular color of ribbon to my shirt and chant my organization's anthem all over campus?

Brotherhood and sisterhood cannot exist where elitism thrives, and neither can morality. Anybody who says otherwise is busy reaping the benefits of elitism herself, so it's no wonder. It's time to stop the silence and the lies surrounding fraternities and sororities, to give way to the truths which have always been apparent to those of us honest enough to really see.

-- Nadine Gorelik

Applications for the Weekly's Editorial Board are now available at the Seegers Info Desk

Applications are due Nov. 30

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Phi Mu congratulates its new sisters

Skye Bassett
Melinda Matthews
Melissa Falk
Abbi Sharofsky
Jessie Freund
Karen Uslin
Meredith Libercci
Becca VanAken

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 5 – Complaint – A neighbor complained of students vomiting on her car.

Nov. 5 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm went off in the Phi Mu house due to cooking in the kitchen.

Nov. 6 – Fire – A deep fryer started a fire in GQ.

Nov. 6 – Reckless Endangerment – A car speeding down Chew Street almost hit a student. The Allentown Police Department traced the tag, however did not locate a car.

Nov. 6 – Injured Student – A student injured her ankle in the Phi Mu house.

Nov. 7 – Chemical Spill – There was a small mercury spill in Trumbower. A chemical company came to clean it up.

Nov. 7 – Vandalism – Two posts were stolen from a neighbor's picket fence.

Nov. 7 – Harassment – One student harassed another student over the telephone.

Nov. 9 – Ill Student – A student reported another student was vomiting in the SPE fraternity house. No ill person was found.

Nov. 9 – Vandalism – A student reported that their property was vandalized April 15, 2001.

Nov. 9 – Fire – An electrical plug in GQ caught on fire. A fire extinguisher was used to put it out.

Nov. 9 – Vandalism – A student ripped a fire extinguisher sign from a wall in ML and proceeded to throw it through a window and screen.

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Kristallnacht remembered

Students light candles in Parents Plaza to remember those who perished

By Amanda Phillips
Weekly News Writer

Kristallnacht, "The Night of Broken Glass," marks the events that took place from November 9-10, 1938 in Germany. Sixty-Three years later, students gathered in Parents Plaza last Thursday evening to remember that night when acts of terror were committed against Jews.

The event was held by the Institute of Jewish-Christian Understanding at the College. Three members of the student organization, Star-Crossed Students, a division of the Institute, read passages and poems relating to *Kristallnacht* and the Holocaust.

Beforehand, students lit candles and placed them on one of the raised cement blocks in the Plaza.

Due to the cold wind, most of the attendants were determined to keep the candles lit. During this time Liz Corman, '03, Stephanie Jenkins '03 and Sam Steerman '02, described the wreckage that was caused by Nazi Germany-- Synagogues, Jewish-owned shops and homes were burnt, looted and destroyed. Shortly after, the mass murder of Jews was put into full effect, and millions died at the hand of the Nazis.

A small group of students surrounded the platform in Parents Plaza. They listened as Holocaust accounts were read aloud.

Steerman reminded those at the remembrance that we think of *Kristallnacht* not to feel sad, but in order to make sure no one forgets the event so that this type of destruction does not happen again. As Steerman said, "Just make a difference."

Memorial sculptures almost complete

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terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Haverford used the idea on its own campus. Both schools have members of their communities constructing clay sculptures to represent each casualty caused by the attacks.

Sherk explained that two members of the Haverford College Fine Arts Department, Christopher Cairns and Michael O'Keefe, were interested in the idea of using art to memorialize the events on Sept. 11. Sherk encouraged the two to organize the commemorative project. He said, "It's great that they did it, too. Everyone should make a memorial."

Although Haverford College started creating their sculptures after Muhlenberg, the project is growing. There are over 200 clay figures displayed in Haverford's Marshall Fine Arts building. Sherk commented that Haverford was able to publicize its project more than Muhlenberg's. Haverford's participants are mostly students in the Art Department.

Conversely, Muhlenberg was able to motivate and involve the entire campus, Sherk added. Students from a variety of majors participated. Their sculptures display the campus' collective efforts.

Students may apply to get a Presidential Assistantship for spring semester

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a non-campus owned residence.

Maturity is also something an applicant for one of these positions must have: "There is a certain level of maturity required to successfully handle that type of assignment, not everyone is ready for that as a junior in college," said Hochella.

Hochella went on to say, "for a variety of reasons, less than a quarter of those who attend information sessions end up applying for a Presidential Assistantship." Hochella continued: "we don't sugar-coat anything in the information sessions -- we feel it's better to be up front about what the program involves."

There are also many opportunities involved with being a PA. Adam Marles, who has a dual assistantship, works in both the Office of Residential Services and the Dean of Students Office. Marles sited one benefit of being a PA is "...seven out of eight classes this year are paid for by the school."

Erica Schmitt, a PA who works in the Office of Academic Support, said that the job opportunity came at a time when she had to figure out how she was going to pay for her remaining two years of school. Schmitt went on to say that she "can't imagine a better opportunity."

One of the most obvious advantages of holding a PA position is that it looks "great on a resume", said Schmitt.

Other benefits include a discount at the bookstore, a relatively small salary to help with the cost of living, and office experience. Since these positions are only offered to juniors and seniors, there are occasional openings for those interested.

"While it's not for everyone, the Presidential Assistant program is a great opportunity for those whose circumstances match well with the benefits offered," said Hochella.

Photo courtesy of Oksana Hudak

Photo to left: Oksana Hudak, Employer relations Presidential Assistant and her husband, Michael.

Photo to right: Erica Schmitt, Academic Support Services Presidential Assistant. Schmitt says she "can't imagine a better opportunity" than the PA position she now holds.

Photo by Scott Swartz

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown -- A man was shot in the back of the head in downtown Allentown Monday night by robbers who wanted his leather coat, police said. Raul Gonzalez, who lives in Allentown and is in his early 20s, was shot in the parking lot next to the Little Apple Market on N. Seventh Street as he tried to flee his attackers, police said. The bullet, a small-caliber, exited Gonzalez's face, police said. Police said Gonzalez was expected to survive the shooting.

Penn Hills -- Drillers are beginning work on what could eventually be eight natural gas wells on property belonging to the Penn Hills School District in Allegheny County. This fall, state officials approved the district's request to allow natural gas wells to be drilled on school grounds. By getting a portion of the profit from the wells, the district hopes to reduce some of the nearly $500,000 it spends each year to heat its schools.

Middletown -- Lawmakers who toured the Three Mile Island nuclear plant and received briefings on security changes there Monday said the public can be assured that adequate precautions are being taken to protect the plant from terrorist attack. "What we saw was impressive," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said at a news conference held across the Susquehanna River from the plant, which is about 10 miles south of Harrisburg. "They are going through a top-to-bottom review of all their [security] procedures," Specter said. "There has been a wake-up call here."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High:68 Low: 37	High: 59 Low: 33	High: 61 Low: 36

Campus Safety Notes

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Nov. 10 – Vandalism – A student drew a picture of a devil on a wall in ML.

Nov. 10 – Vandalism – A soda tap and decompressor were stolen from the football stadium.

Nov. 11 – Alcohol Violation – Two students, living at 21st and Albright Streets, were arrested for providing alcohol to minors. Thirty-two underage students were referred to the Dean of Students, as well as 15 non-students who will receive letters of trespass. Twenty-two there were not drinking.

Nov. 11 – Safety Violation – A coffee maker was left on in Ettinger 303.

Nov. 11 – Unsecured Building – Rooms in Trumbower were not locked.

Nov. 11 – Criminal Mischief – A window in the Brown dance studio was smashed.

Nov. 11 – Pedestrian Accident – A student in a car hit a pedestrian; the pedestrian suffered a sprained left wrist.

Operation Enduring Freedom

Wednesday, November 7
Anti-Taliban forces attacked tanks in northern Afghanistan as U.S. air strikes hit caves and vehicles and fighting raged near the key city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

Thursday, November 8
In one of the heaviest nights of bombing in the 34-day-old U.S. war on the ruling Afghan Taliban, waves of jets pounded front line positions of the hard-line militia into Friday.

Friday, November 9
Taliban Defense Minister Obaidullah Akhund told Reuters on Saturday that the militia had lost the strategic northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif to the opposition Northern Alliance. Pakistan's respected Dawn newspaper reported that Osama bin Laden, in an interview inside Afghanistan, said he had nuclear and chemical weapons and might use them to respond to U.S. attacks.

Saturday, November 10
Afghan opposition forces fighting the Taliban said they would launch an assault on a western city on Sunday after claiming sweeping gains in the north that would allow a key land-link with Uzbekistan to open. President Bush said on Saturday the U. S. could accomplish its military mission in Afghanistan without the Northern Alliance taking the capital of Kabul and discouraged it from trying.

Sunday, November 11
Afghan opposition fighters said they would advance on the strategic western city of Herat on Monday after making sweeping gains in the north and saying that they had routed the Taliban's main fighting force. British troops are on the ground in northern Afghanistan advising the opposition Northern Alliance, British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said Sunday.

Monday, November 12
American Airlines flight 587 en route to the Dominican Republic, crashed shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, killing 255 people, 150 of which were Dominican. The crash appears unrelated to the events taking place in Afganistan.

Tuesday, November 13
Ignoring appeals to stay out of the capital, Afghan opposition fighters rolled into Kabul on Tuesday after Taliban troops fled. All eight Western aid workers held by Afghanistan Taliban on charges of promoting Christianity were taken to the movement's southern stronghold of Kandahar.

Compiled by Daniel R. Engelberg IV

Opinions voiced on interfaith dating

By Amanda Phillips
Weekly Staff Writer

Recently, several students at the College commented on interfaith relationships and what they entailed in the future. Students varied on their opinion of solely dating within their faith, but most generally saw the potential complications that could occur regarding the future possibility of marriage.

With a student body faith break-down of approximately 30 percent Catholic, 30 percent Protestant and over 20 percent Jewish, there is a chance that individuals at the College may date someone outside of their faith.

Most cases of interfaith relationships found on our campus were between Jews and Christians. The Weekly found that the decision to pursue an interfaith relationship partly depended upon the student's idea or interpretation of faith.

> *"The difference in faith commitments adds a level of complexity [to the relationship] that is unique."*
>
> Dr. Peter Pettit
> Associate Professor of Religion

Sarah Hollenbach, '03, a Mennonite, stated that she would not date others besides Protestants. She emphasized, "I personally wouldn't do it, just because my faith is so important to me. I couldn't be with someone who didn't agree with me on it." Hollenbach considers her faith the most important aspect of her life. She is active in the Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF) and runs a section of Bible study on campus. Hollenbach takes the Bible literally. She believes that interfaith relationships are against God's will, but she also believes that it is the "individual's choice of who they want to be with."

For people who have been in interfaith relationships themselves, or are in one now, faith issues are a very real part of life. Rachel Kleiner, '05, a reform Jew, stated that religion is an important part of her life. Kleiner is dating a Christian. She does not consider her boyfriend religious, but she made the point that both partners in an interfaith relationship should "respect each other's religion."

She believes that problems result when one person forces his or her religion on the other. "I'm not going to be like, 'oh, I'm only going to date Jewish guys,' because that is not fair to me."

Lauren Kahaner, '04, took a different stand than Hollenbach on the issue. A conservative Jew, Kahaner says of her faith: "it's a part of me." Though she has never been in an interfaith relationship, Kahaner is not opposed to the idea. She said, "I'm very tolerant of the differences in other people. In terms of the priority of a relationship, [the most important thing] is definitely your faith in each other."

The big question for Kleiner and others who share her views, is what to do if their relationship becomes serious and marriage is a possibility? Dr. Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, described these marriages as an enormous challenge. "The difference in faith commitments adds a level of complexity [to the relationship] that is unique," he said. Pettit stated that while the Institute tries to "encourage people to develop friendships and relationships with people of other faiths," those who are dating "need to be cautious". Pettit also warned against getting involved with a person of another faith because the

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The Guerrilla Girls strike back

All female group speaks out against discrimination

BY WENDY EICHLER & LAUREN WIESNER
Weekly News Writer

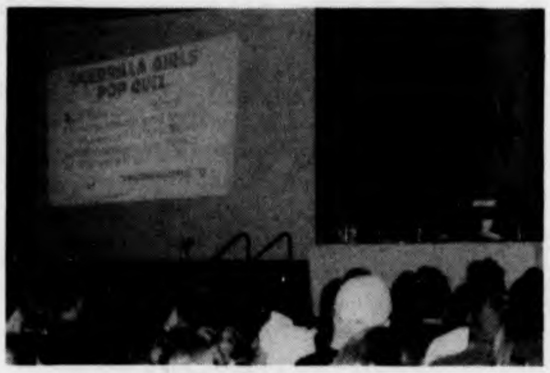

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Photo to left: The Guerilla Girls attracted many students interested in the ideas behind the masks.

Photo to right: Hallie Flannigan wore a gorilla mask, to conceal her identity.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

Clad in gorilla masks and black clothing, the Guerrilla Girls, a group of anonymous women who label themselves as the "conscience of the art world", paraded into Moyer Forum on Thursday, throwing bananas and surprising their enthusiastic audience at the College. For just over an hour, listeners learned about the discrimination of women and non-whites in the art world, visible in museums, galleries, and theatres. The Guerrilla Girls showed slide shows of their work fighting discrimination through their provocative posters and demonstrations in New York City.

The Guerrilla Girls call each of themselves by the names of dead women artists and writers in order to remain anonymous.

The Girls also wished to honor those women's contributions to society. "Hallie Flannigan", "Aphra Behn", "Anna May Wong" and "Coco Chanel" described the Guerrilla Girls' history and their namesake.

The group started when, in 1985, the Museum of Modern Art held a show where only 13 of the 169 artists were women and all of the artists were caucasian. The curator of the show had proclaimed that any artist not represented in the exhibit should reconsider "his" career. This comment offended many artists who found it to be both sexist and prejudiced.

As a result of the curator's comment, the group named themselves the Guerrilla Girls. This was in order to emphasize their guerrilla warfare-like tactics they felt were needed to combat the art world's discrimination they noticed toward women and non-whites.

At an early meeting, one of the girls wrote "gorilla" instead of "guerrilla", which spurred the idea to use gorilla masks as a way to conceal their identity while drawing attention to themselves and their cause. The Girls remain anonymous because they "wanted the focus to be on the issues, not on [their] personalities or [their] own work," claimed "GG1".

To support their claims, the girls utilize their "five-minute research technique", in which they actually go into museums and galleries and count the number of women artists represented to obtain real data. They then created eye-grabbing posters, using humor to make their point. They have spanned to include in their agenda a circulated newsletter. The Girls have also had demonstrations outside of art exhibits and cultural events such as the Tony Awards. The Girls feel their efforts have not been in vain. "The art world has definitely changed for the better since 1985," claimed one of the Girls.

The Guerrilla Girls is a volunteer organization funded by individual donations, lecture performances and benefits. Their latest project is "The Guerrilla Girls Show," which will be on tour soon. They hope it will be taken around the world.

The Girls answered questions at the end of the session from the audience. Several times, they had to explain that they couldn't be specific in answering questions in order to remain anonymous.

They would not disclose how many Guerrilla Girls exist or how one becomes a member. They encourage people to "take what [they] have done and use it on their own."

They desire to educate and bring awareness to their cause. "Aphra Behn" remarked, "If you get the message out there, and you get people to listen to you, something is going to happen."

The Guerrilla Girls' presentation was sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership, and is the first in a series of presentations called "Art, Artists, and Responsibility."

Three trustees elected

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new nominations arise at other times during the year, members of the nominating committee can arrange to meet. But, the actual election can only be made by the full Board of Trustees, with some exceptions.

The College recognized Urmston-Fowle for her successful efforts to reengineer her company's mission, product line and marketing strategies.

The College named her Entrepreneur of the Year, in 1998. Her company is the world's sole producer of environmentally safe, non-toxic, refillable marking pens. Urmston-Fowle's company, Graphic Marker International has a patron base that includes companies such as Walt Disney.

Urmston-Fowle resides in Porter Ranch, Ca.

Porphy, of Harrison, N.Y., began his career as an investment banker in 1995.

He served as vice president of the Swiss Bank Credit Suisse Group (CSFB) and worked out of the company's London office before accepting his current position as chief operating officer of the group. CSFB is one of the top global investment banking firms.

Vikner was the only one out of the newly elected to have previously served as a trustee. He was on the Board from 1995-1998 and lives in Allentown. As president and CEO of Mack Trucks, Inc., he is also a member of Volvo's management team.

Mack Trucks, headquartered in Sweden, is a subsidiary of AB Volvo, one of the world's top truck manufacturers.

As in many American college corporations today, all communication between students, employees of the College and trustees is processed through the President's Office.

Jews and Christians dating outside their faiths

Addressing the challenges

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potential for marriage always exists.

Brooks Truesdell, '05, said that she would marry outside of her Christian tradition. She recognizes that this sort of marriage would be "stressful and hard on me and on kids."

> *"I personally wouldn't do it, just because my faith is so important to me. I couldn't be with someone who didn't agree with me on it."*
> Sarah Hollenbach, '03

Jessy Ball, '05, a conservative Jew, is now in a relationship with a Christian. She stated that she is contemplating the idea of interfaith marriage, because she believes that if two people are in love, religion shouldn't get in the way.

Children seem to be the most pressing issue when it comes to marrying outside of one's faith. Truesdell, who has dated outside of her faith, stated that she "just talked to [may parents] about it. They were worried ... but they would support me." Regarding the future, she said "I would want them [children] to be Christian, but I would want my husband to have his kids be his religion as well. I just want them to have faith in something." Regarding children, Pettit said there is "a worse way to do it". He said when "the commitment is that the children will be of one faith or the other" the arrangement tends to work.

Pettit acknowledges that there is a benefit to interfaith marriages. "I believe that in some families the interfaith aspect makes the whole idea of faith more central." Pettit thinks faith can become a common topic of discussion in these homes.

A Celebration of Life: Commemorating 20 Years of Life, Love and Compassion

World AIDS Week Is Coming!!!

Life: Blood Drive - Thursday, Nov. 29
Red Door, 11a.m.-7p.m.
Confidential HIV Testing - Thursday, Nov. 29
Health Center, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.
Speaker: Diana Emmet, Nov. 29
Moyer Forum, 7:30p.m.

Love: Chat with Diana, Nov. 30
Seegers 108, 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.
Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing, Nov. 30
Egner Chapel, 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Compassion: World AIDS Day Benefit Concert, Dec. 1
Moyer Forum, 6:30p.m.-10:30p.m.

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"LIFE CONSISTS NOT IN HOLDING GOOD CARDS, BUT IN PLAYING THOSE YOU HOLD WELL."

-JOSH BILLINGS

Three MTA Blackbox productions premiered this weekend. *It's Called the Sugar Plum, The Zoo Story* and *That's What She Said* were directed by Gabriel L. Nathan '02, Elliot Gerard '02 and Laura Mico-Monaco '02, respectively. The first two were dialogues between two people, while the third was a compilation of women's monologues.

Left:
***It's Called the Sugar Plum* stars Dori Kavanagh '03 and Robbie Saenz de Viteri '04.**

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Relieving your anxiety

Part one of a three part series on how to cope with stress

BY JESSICA SKROCKI
Life! Editor

Stress is a term that all college students are familiar with. Now, a little over two months after the tragic events of Sept. 11, students as well as other people all over the country have been feeling overly anxious, fearful or even depressed about the state of our nation. If this sounds all too familiar to you, it is important to remember that you are not alone. What follows are some of the more common issues and possible ways of relieving them.

Problem: "I've been having nightmares about our country being at war. They are very vivid; I see bombs being dropped and buildings burning," says one junior.

This is highly common. Many people are reportedly having trouble sleeping since the Sept. 11 attacks. The reason for this is that our minds, not being able to deal with the unfamiliar and even surreal circumstances, are working overtime.

One reason we have these dreams may be because we repress our thoughts and fears during the day. This can be due to a lack of time to work out our fears or simply because we don't want to. By presenting images to us in our sleep, our minds are working out the anxieties that we will not or cannot deal with during the day.

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Anita Kelly, Associate Director of Counseling Services, says that some people may find it helpful to write down the dreams in a journal.

Those who are having recurring nightmares, such that sleep patterns are interrupted on a nightly basis, may find it beneficial to talk to a therapist.

Problem: One sophomore says, "I tend to be a hypochondriac. Now more than ever I worry about my

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Question of the Week: *Do you think online registration should be available to students?*

"Yes, I think it would be more convenient and less hectic."
-Sarah Fosdick '05

"Yes, because I hate the frustration of going all the way to the registrar and finding that my classes are closed."
-James S. Benner, Jr. '03

"No, I feel the procedure would be too complicated."
-Melissa Carelli '03

"Yes, because then I could register in my pajamas."
-Jamie Alvo '02

COMPILED BY SCOTT CHESTER

Student band festival benefits Heiffer Project

PHOTOS BY BEN PATTON

On Friday, Nov. 9th, student bands performed in the Garden Room to a willing audience. A $1 donation per person went towards the Heiffer Project, an organization to prevent world hunger. The performing bands were Triple Threat, Donson Project, Buddah Tribe, Rebel Saints, Westfall, Dakota Dream, Monamie, Shumi and Hidden in Plain View. Nate Pickowicz, Chris Whyde and Rob & Matt were also featured. The total amount raised was $370.

Clockwise from top left:

Brad Rosen jams on his guiter during the Donson Project's set

Ben Donson plays the saxophone for the Donson Project

Aaron Holden of Triple Threat makes a cameo with the Donson Project.

Rob and Matt entertains the audiance during each set.

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General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Harry Potter
Fri. and Sat.-9:30, 10:30, 12:45, 1:45, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30, 12:00; Sun.-9:30, 10:30, 12:45, 1:45, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30
Shallow Hal
Fri. and Sat.-10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00; Sun.-10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
The Heist
Fri. and Sat.-10:50, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50; Sun.-10:50, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
Monsters, Inc.
Fri. and Sat.-10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00; Sun.-10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30
Domestic Disturbance
Fri.-10:20, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-10:20, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
The One
Fri. and Sat.-11:00, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10, 12:00; Sun.-11:00, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
13 Ghosts
Fri. and Sat.-7:50, 9:55, 12:00; Sun.-7:50, 9:55

Fashionable Tori Amos' new album

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

Smeared eyeliner and an eccentric outfit on the cover -- who else could it be but one and only Tori Amos? Time has seen her transform from a gritty rock goddess with a message to be heard, to a soft spoken damsel in distress, and finally to the more recent mistress of disguise and cover songs. While fans may be unsure of an entire album consisting solely of cover songs, and more specifically, covers of songs written only by men, the outcome is an album that is filled more with creative ability rather than just mediocre renditions.

The setup of the album is probably one of the most original in Amos' repetoire in that each song comes equipped with a completely different "Tori" personality that mirrors the tone of the song. The purpose of this is three-fold: one for analytical emphasis of each song, another for the obvious gender related issues that she has taken on by selecting songs written from a male perspective, and third for the proof of what a wig can do! The music as well as the photography stand for themselves, in that they are journeys of a certain kind. They take the listener away from their sense of reality as Amos directs the course of your adventure.

The many faces of Tori.
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In certain tracks, such as "'97 Bonnie & Clyde" (originally written by Marshall Mathers, a.k.a. Eminem), the journey is a rather strange one that takes you along the trail of a murder story, spoken by a soft-voiced Amos. This song stands out as being very similar to the Eminem song "Kim" found on the *Marshall Mathers LP*, and was almost equal in disturbance value. On the other hand, there are tracks like "Enjoy the Silence," originally written by Martin Gore. This is an 80's track that big-haired kids used to sing in the back seats of their parents cars, and serves as a delightful memory from days past. The track "Happiness is a Warm Gun," by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, is cast with political tones, even including the voice of George W. Bush.

One could make the claim that *Strange Little Girls* is just another bunch of copies of other people's originality. But this album shows a level of creativity that Tori fans have never seen before. Even if you have totally dismissed Tori Amos as just another one of those whiny chick singers, you would be denying yourself a great set of music if you pass up this new release on those grounds alone. Take a few of the tracks with a grain of salt, and enjoy the rest.

Monsters in the closet

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer

We all know, and don't always like to admit, that in those daunting years between kindergarten and second grade, we peeked under our beds in fearful search of monsters. In this year's new computer animated full-length production of *Monsters, Inc.*, Disney executives redirect our childhood memories to the closet. Beyond the innocent closet doors lives a world astonishingly similar to our own, with economic concerns and hard-working creatures, except these creatures are not exactly human...they are monsters, more cute than scary. Reminiscent of the past ventures *Toy Story* and *A Bug's Life*, Disney displays a fantastical world that lies in the scope of adult and children's imagination alike.

Monster's, Inc. follows the trials of a burly yet soft-looking creature named James Sullivan (loving called "Sully"), voice-dubbed by John Goodman. Sully finds himself in a bind with devious fellow employee Randall (*Fargo's* Steve Buscemi) at Monsters, Inc., the economic conglomerate that supplies power to Monsteropolis. In the midst of a illogical mishap, a child escapes from the confines of the human world and enters the Scream Floor of Monster's, Inc. Sully and his one-eyed green friend, Mike Wiczowski (comedian Billy Crystal), must now find a solution to this problem. Through the adventures of the mismatched pair and their human ward, we see a development of human emotion with a warm-hearted conclusion reminiscent and representative of all Disney movies. *Monster's, Inc.* emerges with a masterful plot of innovative concepts that challenge and also alleviate the fears and nightmares we all had as kids.

To no surprise, Disney computer animation proves daringly realistic and amazingly detailed. Sully's fur is extremely well-defined, it moves and sways just like the

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Amazingly animated monsters

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real thing. When he's happy, his eyes sparkle, and when he's upset, tears well up in his eyes. The animation greatly enhances the emotions developed by the characters throughout the film. Even though Mike is no more than four shrimpy arms and legs and one enormous eye, the character seems to have facial expressions without a face. Billy Crystal, as usual, is extremely animated in manner himself, and the combination of his voice and the energetic animation make for a lovable highlight amidst the uniquely intriguing monster realm.

Full of colorful imagery and funny yet juvenile dialogue and jokes, *Monster's, Inc.* deserves credit for being an entertaining and light-hearted film that could amuse both adult and child alike. The story is refreshingly basic, and overall it's just plain cute. Although not as perverse and risqué as *Shrek*, *Monster's, Inc.* provides an hour-and-a-half of solid Disney magic.

Relief can be close at hand

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health. I know the bioterrorism is not highly probable, but I can't help feeling nervous every time I sneeze."

Living along the East Coast, which has been the prime target for anthrax cases, it is normal to feel a sense of anxiety. However, there is no need to let the fear dictate your life. As it is flu season, you may come down with a cold, even a fever. Try not to jump to conclusions and assume the worst.

> *"There's no reason to stop watching the news, but you don't need to leave CNN on all day."*
>
> -Anita Kelly

One student reports that her mother won't send her mail for fear of it going through and picking up anthrax. At this stage of anxiety, as with the recurring dreams, it would be helpful to talk to someone. "If your worries are affecting you to the point that you can't function, it is time to seek professional help," says Kelly.

Problem: "I've been drawn to the news every night, and it just gets me more worked up. My heart jumps every time I hear 'Breaking News,'" reports a senior.

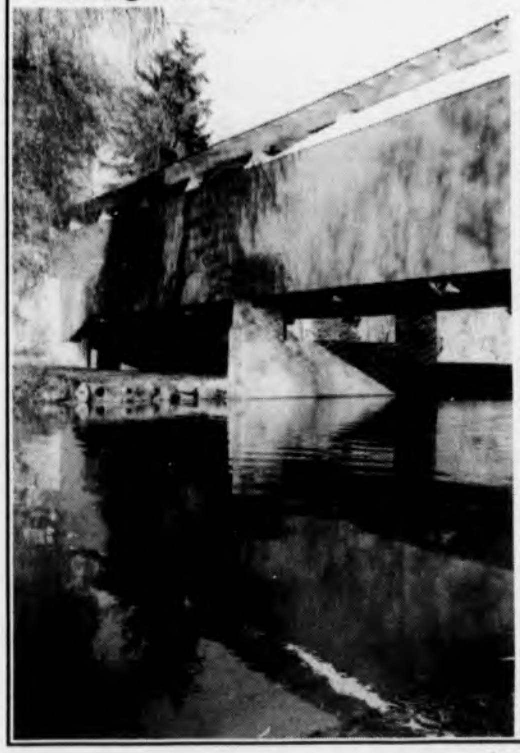
The media has been blamed for over-reporting on the attacks and terrorism. For weeks after Sept. 11, we were bombarded with images of the World Trade Center collapsing, rescue workers entering the fiery remains and family members desperately searching for loved ones. In this day and age, the media jumps on every chance to report breaking news, and due to the enormity of the attacks, it's no wonder that reports were on every channel and graced the front page of every newspaper and magazine.

Some feel that the images were too graphic to be shown to the public, while others believe that we have a right to see exactly what went on. Still others believe that the media sensationalized the events in an attempt to gain ratings. Regardless of your stance, overexposure to media coverage can put anyone on edge. Kelly says, "There's no reason to stop watching the news, but you don't need to leave CNN on all day."

Just be sure to limit your time watching the news, especially before going to sleep. If news of terrorism is the last thing on your mind before bedtime, you're more likely to have nightmares.

Overall, the best thing you can do to cope is to talk. Sit down with your best friend, a parent, a professor or a counselor. Chances are, once your fears and anxieties are out on the table, you'll feel calmer in times of high stress.

Through the Lens:



Bogart's Bridge, located down 24th St. towards Emmaus, is one of the oldest covered bridges in the nation. Built in 1841, it is 145 feet long and crosses the Little Lehigh River. It used to accomodate traffic, but now can only be crossed by pedestrians.

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(portrayed by Denzel Washington in "Remember the Titans"

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Horoscopes

Aries
You're feeling adventurous today — why not get to know that foreign exchange student you've been hearing about? You'll find that connecting is more interesting than keeping your distance.

Taurus
This may not be the time to get yourself involved in anything demanding. You'll have to overcome your moodiness before you can expect to take on a new project right now. Be patient, it happens to the best of us.

Gemini
Now that you've tied up all the loose ends that have been bothering you, take a moment to lend a hand to those less fortunate than you. Not everyone is as quick to catch on as you are.

Cancer
If you're not quite sure what elective fits you best, ask someone who has similar interests. There's no point in guessing when there's someone who's been in your shoes before.

Leo
You've been spending way too much time out lately. When you go home next week, take a night or two off, and hang out with your family. They may not act like it, but they miss you.

Virgo
Your restlessness can be summed up as sheer boredom. You're not easy to please, you know? You'll be a lot less bored if you challenge yourself a little. Take a trip to the library and learn something new.

Libra
You've had a pretty tight grip on your wallet lately. That's okay in some instances, but you don't want to offend anyone by making yourself look stingy. It's all about balance.

Scorpio
It's about time people started to take notice of you. Use your newfound confidence to really make a change. You'll freak everyone out with all the new ideas you've been generating.

Sagittarius
If there seems to be a little black rain cloud floating around over your head, you need to ask yourself why. Talk it out with your best friend, and try to get to the root of your emotions.

Capricorn
The boyfriend or girlfriend that you took for granted before suddenly turns into way more than a convenient accessory. You realize that this person is truly on your side, and might be able to help you when no one else can.

Aquarius
Though you're really not in the mood to be out tonight, you might want to go ahead and force yourself. You're needed right now, and lending a hand to someone will greatly help them.

Pisces
If you plan on getting respect anytime soon, you'll have to stop being everyone's doormat. You'll have to be smart about this one. Try saying 'no' to some of the things that are laid on you today.

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Top 5 Classes Muhlenberg Should Offer Next Semester

5. The Art of Simplex Swiping
4. Male, Female and a Frat Party
3. Victors Lament: Not Just Red Metal
2. Topics in Patience: 3 a.m. Fire Drills (Prosser Residents Only)
1. Introduction to All-Nighters

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Through the lens:

Fall Season Recaps

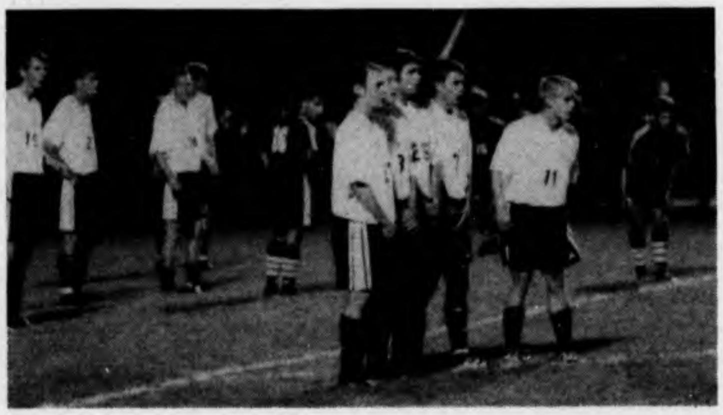
PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The men's cross country team, despite losing Will Elson, matched its best finish ever by finishing fourth in the Conference. Junior Brendan Gallagher is the first Mule ever to go to the Division III Cross Country Championships. The Women's team finished 6th in the Conference and 10th at the NCAA Mideast Regional.

SCOTTY WOOD STADIUM

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The football team ended their regular season with an overall record of 7-3 and a Conference record of 5-1. They lost their last final regular season game against Moravian 7-17, but The Mules earned the bid after tying Western Maryland for the Centennial Conference championship.



The men's soccer team finished their season with a 0-1 loss to Western Maryland in double overtime in the semifinal game of the Conference Championship. The Mules finished their season 12-6 overall and 6-3 in the Conference.

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The field hockey team finished its season with a bittersweet win against Bryn Mawr, 3-0, but closed out with a losing 8-9 overall record, 4-5 in the Conference. Senior Melissa Eicken was named to the All-CC Team while Junior goalie Josephine Fasolino recieved an honorable mention.

Women's soccer advanced to the Mid-Atlantic Regional of the NCAA Division III Tournament by virtue of their second straight Centennial Conference Championship. The Mules defeated Elizabethtown in the first round of the tournament before falling to the undefeated College of New Jersey.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

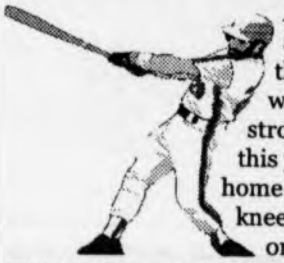
Volleyball finished second in the Centennial Conference. The Mules hosted the four team Conference Tournament. The defeated Johns Hopkins in the semifinals but lost in the finals to Gettysburg to finish out their season 20-11.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

Greg Norman took his place among golf's greatest players Sunday night, paying tribute to Jack Nicklaus for his example of losing gracefully as well as being a great winner. Norman and the late Payne Stewart were among six new members inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during a 90-minute ceremony. The others were two-time U.S. Women's Open champion Donna Caponi, Ping Golf founder Karsten Solheim, former United States Golf Association president Judy Bell and Allan Robertson, believed to be the first golf professional.



After agreeing to, but never signing, a $30 million, two year extension with the St. Louis Cardinals, Mark McGwire will retire this year. McGwire had strongly hinted of retiring several times this year, when he batted just .187 with 29 home runs as he was slowed by a bum right knee. After missing almost the entire second half of the 2000 season, he had surgery to correct patella tendinitis. McGwire is most well known for breaking Roger Maris' 37-year-old record with 70 homeruns, a record that stood for only three years.

Denver Nuggets guard Nick Van Exel was fined $20,000 on Friday by the NBA for criticizing referees for the second time in eight days. Van Exel, fined $10,000 last week for openly complaining to the media about the officiating following a loss to Milwaukee, made his comments Thursday night after a 14-point loss at Dallas. "Cowards don't make it any easier for you, I'll tell you that much," Van Exel told reporters. "It's ridiculous some of the calls we get, some of the calls other teams get. It's like we are the scrubs of the league. We don't get no respect. None. It ain't gonna change, so I'm going to keep cussing them out." NBA senior vice president Stu Jackson levied the fine.

Eddie Kennison, 28, who led New Orleans and Chicago in receiving in 1999 and 2000, respectively, signed a free-agent contract with the Denver Broncos last spring. Thrust into a starting role when Ed McCaffrey broke his leg in the season opener, he never lived up to expectations. He caught only 15 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown. Kennison told Head Coach Mike Shanahan that he retiring the night before Sunday's game against the San Diego Chargers. He was promptly asked to leave the team hotel. But after reconsidering, Kennison has decided to "unretire." As to whether he will be allowed to return or not, is still very much in question.

Wrestling places fourth in tourney

By Brian Talbott
Managing Editor

The wrestling team traveled an hour and fifteen minutes to King's College to partake in the annual Monarch Invitational on Saturday. Despite having two injured wrestlers and several still on the football squad, the team still managed to place fourth out of eleven teams.

King's finished first with 162.5 points, Oneonta State finished second with 109.5 points, York finished third with 93.5 points, Muhlenberg finished fourth with 83 points, Ursinus finished sixth and Baptist Bible finished eleventh with 21 points. King's swept the invitational, placing nine wrestlers in the top four of each weight class. They are currently ranked 12th nationally in Division III.

"I was very pleased on Saturday. We did as good as we possibly could have done, placing fourth out of eleven teams," said Head Coach Tom Schleicher. "We did our best as we didn't enter into two weight classes because of injuries, the 174 and 184 class. For only entering into eight instead of ten classes, we did extremely well. Senior Bill Holsinger won at the 149-pound weight class, finally breaking through and winning after three years. Sophomore Josh Carter won at the heavy weight and Junior Nate Yeasted finished third, beating someone that he had never beaten before.

Both Bill Holsinger and Carter won their championship bouts by one-point decisions. Last year the Mules finished with 17 dual meet wins, tying the school record, and breaking the record for the most consecutive wins in a season, eleven.

When asked what are you anticipating for the next match on Thursday? Schleicher replied, "It's really hard to say. They're a Division II school offering scholarships and all. We are wrestling them basically to give the guys experience against some quality competition."

Women's basketball expecting changes

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style of play, these players who did not see a lot of action last season have become much better. Fans will be surprised with what returning players can do that didn't get a chance last year." There are also a handful of players who played for JV last year and who will be making important contributions to varsity this season. Three new freshmen on this season's squad, Gwen Doyle, Aril Bryant, Pam Coakley, are guards who will add speed to the team.

The first women's game in the tournament on Friday is Gallaudet versus Springfield. Gallaudet had an overall record of 23-5 last year and they are ranked among the was in the top 25 teams in the country. "Gallaudet will be a top notch opponent if we both make it on Friday; fans who come to see us will see strength across the board."

Springfield will also be a competitive team to play, for they won the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year, which, as Rohan noted, "is where we hope to be one day."

St. Lawrence is questionable for the Scotty Wood Tournament because of a foot injury. Whether she plays or not this weekend will be a game time decision. "If she can't play, it will change the nature of our team a little bit. She is a dynamic player who makes us a faster offensive and defensive team. Without her we have people who can make up but they will have to work together as a team. No one player can make up for her but the team as a whole definitely will."

As Coach Rohan concluded about the season, "The biggest thing fans coming to our games will see is much more action, faster pace of play, a more aggressive basketball game. Our changes will encourage the fans to come out and see some faster basketball throughout the whole season."

Scotty Wood Tournament:

The men's and women's Basketball teams open their 2001-2002 season in the traditional Scotty Wood Tournament this Friday, Nov. 16th. The women open up against Widener at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the men go against Philadelphia Biblical at 8:00 p.m. The tournament continues through Saturday, with the 1:00 p.m. consolation game for the women and 3:00 for the men. The championship games will be held Saturday night. The women's game will be at 6:00 p.m., the men's at 8:00 p.m.

Football loses to Moravian, 17-7

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On the Mules' second offensive possession of the third quarter, Jones threw his third interception of the game. Sophomore running back Tim Barlok then ran 14 yards and Junior running back Eric Gustafson ran 13 yards to the Mules 27-yard line. After a false start penalty that pushed the Greyhounds back five yards, Barlok rushed seven yards to the Mules 25-yard line. The defense was called for pass interference. Due to the penalty, the ball was placed on the Mules 10-yard line, making it first and goal. After an unsuccessful rushing attempt by Barlok, Abbate rushed into the end zone for what would turn out to be the final touchdown of the game, making the score 17-7.

With 2:28 left in the game, the Mules tried to make a comeback by replacing Jones with Freshman quarterback Ryan Newman. Newman was impressive as he led the Mules from their own 14-yard line to Moravian's 30-yard line. However, the Greyhounds' defense came up big at the end as Newman was sacked on two consecutive plays. Facing a 4th and 20 with the game on the line, Newman threw an incomplete pass to Carter, giving the ball back to the Greyhounds and essentially giving Moravian the victory.

Senior free safety Kit Spicer said, "It was disappointing the way we played. We'll be ready to play this week so we don't go out the way we went out last week. The defense was out there for a while. The offense was struggling. When the offense is struggling, the defense has to make plays. We didn't make enough big plays to get the job done. We had the opportunity to go 8-2 for two years in a row which hasn't been done before. Hopefully, now we'll be 8-3."

This Saturday, the Mules will travel to King's for the ECAC Southeast championship.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Junior quarterback Justin Jones threw five interceptions and had one fumble during Saturday's game against Moravian.

Ice hockey begins season 2-1 against PSU, Moravian and Lehigh

By Sarah Niebler
Assistant Sports Editor

Playing under the new Muhlenberg ice hockey banner donated by President Taylor, Muhlenberg College's club ice hockey team has taken to the ice again this season. Ice hockey has increased in popularity over the last couple of years at Muhlenberg and competes at the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena. The team has rapidly become one of the most intriguing sports at Muhlenberg in part because of the fact that the rivalries are all local. They compete as part of the Lehigh Valley Intercollegiate Hockey League.

Since the team does not compete on the NCAA level, the normal Centennial Conference structure does not apply. Instead, the Mules play against Penn State Lehigh Valley, Moravian, Lehigh, DeSales and Northampton Community College (NCC). These hometown rivalries add a sense of excitement to the games. Senior offensive captain Matt Blaszka says, "It is a lot of fun to play local schools because everyone knows the area."

This season, the Mules have already played three games and they have just two more before winter break. Following break, however, the Mules have another five games before heading to the playoffs.

In their first game of the season against Penn State, the Mules prevailed and pulled out the win 6-5. They outshot the Lions 37-20 and were eight of nine on penalty kills. "For the first time on the ice in six months, we played well," commented Blaszka. "We created a lot of offensive opportunities," he added.

The second game took place over Family Weekend against rival Moravian. The Mules played strong against a decidedly weaker Greyhound team and defeated Moravian 7-3. The Greyhounds looked overwhelmed by the Mules' attack, getting off just 25 shots to the Mules' 39. The Mules also capitalized on their power play opportunities converting on two of six attempts. The Mules also went seven of eight for penalty kills.

"We have no trouble offensively; no problem putting the puck in the net. Our challenge is to keep them [opposing teams] from doing so," said Blaszka.

In their most recent game against powerhouse Lehigh, the Mules themselves were overpowered as they fell 2-5 to the Mountain Hawks. For the first time in the season, the Mules were out shot by their opponent. Muhlenberg tallied only 22 shots, which is 15 less shots than they got off in either of their previous two games. The Mules also failed to convert on their two power play opportunities, costing them offensively.

However, Blaszka believes the team played their best game to date against Lehigh. He said, "We played terrific as a team. We got some bad bounces. They are a strong team and we gave them a run for their money."

Individually, the Mules are led offensively by Blaszka who has four goals as a forward. He is followed by Sophomore forward Tony Trimboli, who has three goals of his own. Blaszka and Trimboli have also each added four assists. Points leaders for the Mules, then, are Blaszka with eight, Trimboli with seven, and Sophomore forward Matt Herbert, whose five assists and two goals give him seven points overall. Trimboli also has the Mules' only hat trick to date, which came against Moravian.

Defensively, the Mules are led by Freshman Dan Kaplan and recent defensive convert, Freshman Allan Rotlewicz. Blaszka is excited about Rotlewicz's conversion to defense. Blaszka said, "Allan is not scared to take a hit. He is very aggressive to loose pucks." The Mules' defense has been a question over the last two games as defensive captain James Walsh was injured in the Mules' first game against Penn State. Jared Cohen was also injured in that contest.

The Mules' goalies, Sophomore Jared Lander and Freshman Chris Cella both have over .800 save percentage. Cella has stopped 23 of 27 shots against him for a save percentage of .852, while Lander's is exactly at .800. .

The Mules' next game takes place at Lehigh Valley Ice Arena on Monday, Nov. 19 at 10:00 p.m. They face off against DeSales in their final game before Thanksgiving Break.

Blaszka believes the Mules are ready for the challenge saying, "If we play as well as we did against Lehigh, the game will be over in the first five minutes of the first period."

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Ice hockey defeated Penn State Lehigh Valley and Moravian, but were defeated by Lehigh University. The Mules compete locally at the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena.

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Women's basketball

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The woman's basketball team season opener on Saturday against Widener will be the beginning of their official season with new head coach, Ron Rohan.

Rohan came to Muhlenberg this summer from Colgate, where he had been coaching for the past seven years. Rohan got to know the team well in August during the woman's basketball trip to France for ten days. "I got a good head start for this year; it helped for a new coach."

As he also explained, in any situation with a new coach the team will perform differently, and he has already seen positive changes for this season. "With a new coach things always change a little. This season we will be much more of an up-tempo basketball team than in the past. Fans will see more fast breaks, running and pressing on defense." Coach Rohan also expects the team to be a much higher scoring team this season than in the past. "In both preseason scrimmages we scored more than 80 points than last year."

The Mules have high expectations for this season, especially with the changes that Rohan has been enforcing. "Our goal is to go to and win the NCAA tournament, and I think that is a goal within reach. If we stay healthy, we will definitely be one of the better teams in the Conference."

The women's team has two returning seniors, captains Jennifer Risley and Lindsay St. Lawrence, who, "will provide outstanding talent and fine leadership," according to Rohan. There are also several returning players from the team last year who did not see as much playing time as they are expected to see this season. "Because of our new

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Cross Country places at regionals

Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Brendan Gallagher placed fifteenth at the Regional NCAA's making him the first cross country athlete to go to Nationals.

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

Last Saturday's NCAA Division III Mideast Regional at Lehigh will forever be etched in the minds of the men and women's cross country teams. It was the day that they witnessed one of their own enter school history by becoming the first Mule to ever qualify for the Division III Cross Country Championships which take place this Saturday in Illinois.

Junior tri-captain Brendan Gallagher's 15th place finish won him a chance to compete for the national title next weekend and helped the Mules finish 8th overall, the best ever finish for the men at Regionals. "Being the first runner from Muhlenberg to qualify for nationals is quite an honor," said Gallagher. Sophomore Rob Uniszkiewicz, the squad's number two runner, came in 23rd. Sophomore Brian Cash, who placed 50th, led the Mules' pack. Cash was followed by fellow Sophomores Nate Horst and Rich Kipp as well as Freshman Mike Bonchonsky and Junior tri-captain Robin Holden.

The strength of the squad this season may well have been the powerful combination of talent and team chemistry that was never more evident than following the Regionals. Uniszkiewicz said, "I am extremely proud of Brendan, he works incredibly hard. He deserves this."

It should come as no surprise that Senior captain Katie Garrett ended her remarkable collegiate career leading the women's team to a 10th place finish, their best finish at Regionals since the 1990 season. Garrett finished 35th overall and was followed by Freshman Jenna Belisonzi who placed 37th. The rest of the Mule pack was as follows: Freshman Brittani Gaganon, and Sophomores Stephanie Melka, Diana Garretto, Gail Morris and Erica Norrey. Garret, the All-Region runner shared that, "the women's performance this year was outstanding. We had such a strong group, and everyone had such a positive attitude that it was easy for us to succeed."

The men are already looking forward to next year. Holden stated, "We are only going to lose one runner and our top seven are returning."

Football earns bid to ECAC southeast game

By Mike Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The Moravian Greyhounds (4-5 overall) upset the Muhlenberg football team (7-3 overall) 17-7 at Scotty Wood Stadium this past Saturday. It was the Mules last home game of the season.

Despite the loss to Moravian, the Mules clinched a share of their first ever Centennial Conference Championship along with Western Maryland, when they lost to Johns Hopkins, 21-14. Western Maryland will advance to the NCAA tournament based on their head-to-head win against the Mules. The Mules will advance to the ECAC Championships.

As for the Moravian game, the offense had a long day, committing seven turnovers. Of the seven turnovers, Junior quarterback Justin Jones threw five interceptions and fumbled once. Two of the turnovers committed by Jones were converted into Moravian touchdowns. The two key players for the offense were Sophomore running back Matt Bernardo and Senior wide receiver/kick returner Josh Carter. Bernardo carried the ball 13 times for 48 yards. He became the first sophomore in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Carter caught four passes for 53 yards, tying the school record as the team's all time receiver with 169 career catches. He also broke the all time Division III record for career yards on kickoff returns with 2,189 yards.

Even though the defense committed three key pass interference penalties that kept two Moravian offensive drives alive, they played an excellent game. Despite the seven turnovers, the Mules' defense held the Moravian offense to just seventeen points. Junior defensive end Mike Koth led the defense with a career high 10 tackles, and 1.5 sacks.

On the Mules' first offensive possession, they scored their only touchdown of the game. One of the key plays of this drive was a three-yard pass to Josh Carter for a third down conversion when the Mules were at the Greyhounds' 43-yard line. On the next play, Bernardo ran for 18 yards to carry the team to the Greyhound's 20-yard line. Facing a pivotal third down, the Greyhounds were called for pass interference, giving the Mules a fresh set of downs. Jones scrambled to Moravian's three-yard line, which set up the next play, a touchdown pass to senior tight end Michael Stankowitz. Kicker Chris Reed completed the extra point attempt, making the score 7-0.

Moravian started off their comeback with a 24-play drive that consumed 12:02 of the second quarter. The Greyhounds' drive was extended when two pass interference penalties were called against the Mules' defense. Both penalties occurred on third down conversions, giving Moravian key first downs. Despite the penalties, the defense eventually held Moravian to only a 20-yard field goal. With Moravian's field goal, the score was 7-3.

On the Mules' next offensive possession, Jones was intercepted. This turnover led to Moravian's first touchdown of the game, when Junior quarterback Charlie Bowden threw a 37-yard pass to Senior wide receiver Michael Abbate in the end zone. The touchdown put Moravian on top and gave them a lead that they would never relinquish. They went in at the half leading 10-7.

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RJ Fellowships follow in footsteps of established honors programs

A new college grant program

BY LAUREN WIESNER
Weekly News Writer

The College has established the RJ Fellowship, a new program to benefit incoming Muhlenberg students through grants and unique learning opportunities. With a gift from the RJ Foundation, the College has created a project that emulates the Dana and Muhlenberg Scholars programs which have been providing academic opportunities and scholarship grants to students for 14 and 11 years, respectively. The programs aid with student scholarships, research opportunities, course development funding, a speakers' series, an RJ Fellows Symposium and faculty development.

The program will then offer 15 first year students at the College a four-year grant of $3000. To qualify for the program, students must be "academically adventurous, intellectually curious, creative, and motivated to produce a positive change in the world," according to the RJ Fellowship contract. The admissions office chooses students during the college application process based on interviewing and essays that display characteristics of a motivated and inquisitive student.

The RJ Fellowship Program utilizes unconventional approaches to facilitate students in learning to use the combination of education, responsibility and perseverance in the adventurous pursuit of the unknown. The Program will incorporate self-directed research projects and first year seminars into an intensive learning experience. An annual symposium directed and created by the students will be held to present the results of the research and

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Weekly profile: Valerie Lane

People we see every day

BY LAURI CARBONE & REBECCA HAVILAND
Weekly News Writers

In a small office in the basement of Seeger's Union, Valerie Lane directs numerous students interested in bettering themselves and others through community services. As the Director of the Office of Community Service, Lane is responsible for organizing and overseeing a variety of service projects. These projects range from the College's longstanding partnership with Jefferson Elementary School to various campus-wide efforts to raise money for other organizations, such as the Heifer project.

A Houston, Texas native, Lane graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in English and a minor in business. She moved to Allentown 11 years ago when her husband was transferred. She states that this job "just sort of fell into my lap when I filled in for a friend who was going on maternity leave." Her friend ended up not returning, and Lane is now in her sixth academic year at the College.

Lane's responsibilities have grown significantly over the years. She was originally limited to after-school programs and joining forces with other campus organizations, such as the Center for Ethics and Leadership, to take on an integrated approach to learning. This expansion was achieved with the support of President Taylor and the Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg.

"We are now able to take ethical issues and tie them into the community service piece," Lane states. There is an assortment of classes available that incorporate a community service component. "I don't lead anything", says

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Valerie Lane in her office.

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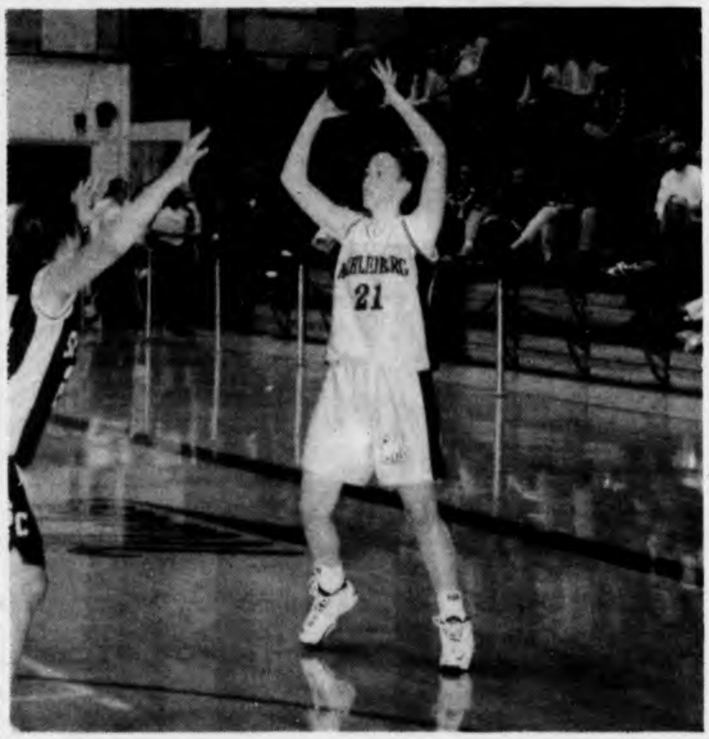

Jenn Risley makes a shot at the Scotty Wood Tournament. See article on page 16.

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Holocaust Resource Center dedication

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS & LAUREN WIESNER
Weekly News Writers

Julius Jacobs proclaimed "This is my dream," during the Dedication Ceremony for the Jewish Archives/Holocaust Resource Center, which found a new home at the College this past Tuesday. Jacobs, a Holocaust survivor and the director the Center, was one of the many speakers during the ceremony at the Miller Forum in Moyer Hall at 7:30 p.m.

> *The fundamental purpose of the Center is "to tell the truth about the Holocaust and transmit it to future generations."*
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> Leon Silver,
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> the Lehigh Valley

The Center, established in 1982, has the fundamental purpose of providing material that will "tell the truth about the Holocaust and transmit it to future generations," as Leon Silver, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, explained at the Ceremony.

The Center teaches about the Holocaust through educational outreach programs that inform administrators and teachers in regional conferences and in-service training at local public and parochial school districts.

The Center also provides resources to the public that includes books and media

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RJ Fellowship supplements experience

The recent announcement of the RJ Fellowship Program is a welcome addition to the honors programs at the College. Through this program, the College can attract an additional number of high-quality students who normally would not matriculate to the College. This will, obviously, increase the overall quality of the student body-and with that, the overall reputation of the College.

While the College continues in its tradition of classroom-based education, the opportunities for learning outside of the classroom setting are great. The program provides granting for individual research, a speaker series, and an RJ Fellows Symposium, allowing these students to develop other facets of their education. This opportunity proves to be very lucrative for prospective students. This will make the College much more attractive to a high caliber student. For example, if a student was accepted to an institution that is deemed as comparable to Muhlenberg, potentially having the opportunity to be in an honors program will serve as an incentive.

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According to the RJ Fellowship contract, this student possesses the qualities of being "academically adventurous, intellectually curious, creative, and motivated to produce a positive change in the world." The scholarship money that the RJ Fellowship gives this student might have the ability to persuade the student to choose Muhlenberg. Without this money he or she might not have been able to afford Muhlenberg. The RJ Fellowship Program may sway the student to choose Muhlenberg for their schooling.

Research opportunities that this program should include programs developed for all departments but particularly the science and art departments. Research classes could be offered in a winter term setting in order to provide more lucrative educational experiences. For example, maybe a science course could be offered that allows students to research subjects important to their lives, like figuring out ways to conserve energy and water in a household setting. Having theater students attempt to direct, act and produce a show outside of the College would give them a taste of their future careers.

All of the benefits of this program will truly help Muhlenberg prosper.

Regarding the news

Luke Tomanelli
Weekly Columnist

This past Sunday, The New York Times ran an article entitled "Long at Odds with U.S., Yemen Is Now Cooperating to Fight Terror." Written by Raymond Bonner, the article explored the recent partnership between the United States and Yemen despite the diplomatic clashes between the two governments in the past ten years. Reporting from Yemen, Bonner's piece focused on the recent efforts of the Yemeni government to assist the United States in the War Against Terrorism, and ultimately in the hunt for Osama bin Laden. However, as Bonner explains, strong ties to bin Laden and the Al Queda network still exist within Yemeni military and security services, despite their overly-friendly efforts in our mid-Eastern affairs. By demonstrating the latter of the two points, Bonner makes a good point: although Yemeni-American relations seem to be positively progressing, the United States must not allow the sudden change in relations with the Yemeni government to overshadow the hostilities and controversies of the past.

I'm skeptical about the authenticity of Yemeni efforts, and I can't help but think that our acceptance of their aid will only come back to bite us in the future.

There have been multiple events in the past ten years that have furthered the turbulence in American-Yemeni relations. Up until recently a majority of the Yemeni people held intense views of hatred towards the United States for supporting Israel in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and despite such opposition our government continues to stand by Israel's side. Another major issue regarding former hostilities between the two nations is that of the Yemeni Government's lack of support of the anti-Iraq coalition during the Gulf War, and furthermore, their opposition to the U.S. interviewing certain individuals regarding the bombing of the USS Cole in Oct. 2001. All of a sudden, despite the fact that the American government has not changed their stance in the above matters, the Yemeni government has rushed to our aid. Surprisingly, officials have begun permitting the F.B.I to interview some of those suspected to have connections to the bombing of the USS Cole, despite their past efforts to keep those individuals "off limits".

What troubles me the most about Yemen's sudden rush to America's side is that ten years ago they possessed an extreme hatred towards America for stances in our foreign policy that we haven't altered. We toppled Iraqi forces in the Gulf, we still support Israel, and if our nation's law enforcement agencies do their jobs correctly (which I'm confident that they'll do), they'll continue to be aggressive in our search for an answer

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Whatever happened to wholesome TV?

Jordana Jaffe
Op/Ed Editor

Full House. Growing Pains. Family Ties. What happened to the wholesome family TV shows we once grew up with? These shows, long cancelled, are mere reruns taking up the 5:00 pm time slots of TBS and USA. Nowadays, family shows are on the decline, clearly not as popular as Buffy and Dawson's Creek. Therefore, family values are less encouraged by the media, and instead violence and sexual issues permeate the television screens of the average American family. The TV as a constant in children's lives rarely advocates family dinner and day trips. Instead, girls as young as seven or eight want to date and wear makeup, while boys want to fight and use guns. The media has a responsibility to recognize its pervasive influence in the American household. Children take the media as fact and as what they should seek to achieve and emulate. Television producers specifically need to understand that TV shows accomplish more than provide entertainment. The media undeniably serve as role model for today's children.

Children are consequently losing more and more of their youth as years pass. They are more focused on socializing with the opposite sex than spending quality time with their family. My guess is that the media is undoubtedly playing a role in this change. Why is family no longer a major theme of television shows? Why doesn't the Friday night line-up show Tanner family vacations to Hawaii and Chrissy's first Halloween? Now, children watch the latest Olsen twin sitcom, longingly awaiting to behold the most recent clothing trend. Why, if media has the power to so easily sway society and shape its ideals, specifically those of young impressionable children, don't they use this power responsibly? Media in all forms once instilled the important values that should be upheld in society and are now less successful in doing so.

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Therefore, while children's entertainment is becoming less appropriate for kids, adults are consequently finding it more appealing. However, even those books and movies that are in fact seemingly appropriate for children are attracting large amounts of adult viewers. For example, the film Harry Potter was just released recently. The chances that the movie theatres were filled entirely with five to eight-years olds are highly doubtful. Instead, the room was probably occupied by middle-aged couples, college students and grandparents. Even Shrek, a recent animated movie, is a favorite among adult viewers. Yet it was seemingly geared towards the average ten-year old.

So is it ironic that children are becoming less youthful while adults are striving to regain their youth? Not at all. Individuals have the intrinsic nature to be unsatisfied with their current state. Children want to be teenagers; adults want to be in college again. Not many people are satisfied with where they stand today. They want to move forwards, or backwards, refusing to embrace their current age. Media surely push children to grow up more quickly. However children and adults alike must learn to accept where they currently are and relish in their youth or adulthood. For all adults were once children, and children, as impatient as they are, will eventually grow up.

Jordana Jaffe is a sophomore.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving

Rachel Kleiner
Weekly Columnist

Thanksgiving -- a time when families and loved one are brought together to remember what is really important about their lives and show thanks for the blessings they have been given. We all know what Thanksgiving should be about, but the question is: does that definition still ring true today?

On Nov. 22, families migrated all across the country to see each other. They shared stories, food and watched the Thanksgiving Day Parade together. Amidst all the cheer, did anyone ever really stop and think what this holiday is really about? When mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers sat around the dinner table there was a chance that they were thinking more about who gets the last piece of pumpkin pie than all the gifts they have been given in their lives. I have a feeling that the pilgrims and Indians would not be pleased with the fact that plastic balloons in a parade are now representing the day of their thanks. Students can easily lose the meaning of this day because it provides them with a break from school and a chance to go home and see friends they have not spoken to since August. This may cause a distraction that would overshadow what the day is really about.

The question is not whether Americans are thankless; it is whether they have forgotten how important it is to actually give thanks. In a society where instant gratification is the way of life, things are coming to people too easily and therefore, they have no reason to stop and think about what is being handed to them on a silver platter. The fact of the matter is, this Thanksgiving was different than all the others before. It seems as thought we all may have found something new in our lives to be thankful for. Did this now bring us back to the root of what Thanksgiving really means? Maybe it takes a tragedy to remind us about what is really important and worth giving thanks for. Our rose-colored glasses have been lifted to expose a world in which every life is precious and every second counts. Our lives and the lives of our loved ones, have now revealed how fragile they are. On Thanksgiving Day, for the first time in a long time, perhaps true thanks was actually given. Thanksgiving is now about the turkey, stuffing, or even the parade. It is truly about coming together as a family, and now, as a nation, to count our blessings and to realize how truly lucky we are.

Rachel Kleiner is a freshman.

Wired: The college student's love affair with IM's

Beth Raupers
Weekly Columnist

You can catch me signing onto Muhlnet almost immediately after I wake up. Under usual circumstances, toothbrush wedged in my mouth or breakfast in hand, I peruse the names on my instant messenger and the mail added to the box on my screen. Almost as if in response to the random chirps emitted by my Compaq Armada E500, the television chimes in, prattling off to itself in colorful flips of images as I go about my morning affairs. Should I grow uncomfortable with the automated responses of my room's machinery, any of my friends' and family's numbers are programmed two button touches into my cell phone. Then the cable went out; utter panic took over the dorms as boys and girls alike advanced from room to room to ask if the TV had truly been snatched for the ransom of $120.00 per year. The sight of college students frantic at not having television in their rooms, wringing their hands in helplessness, made me wonder as to what degree we are dependent on our programmed companions.

Excessive work enabled me to forget about television on a temporary basis, but another experience provoked me to think further. A student lost her Internet connection for a little over an hour, proceeded to cry, break down,and call her parents for the loss of her instant messenger. Although an exaggerated example, almost every college student can relate to the nervous feeling that strikes when the servers are down. Messing with the televisions is one thing, but cutting off computer access could put a school into serious turmoil. I reflect back on past cultures, and the images of college students spending hours clicking out papers on typewriters seem utterly primitive and surreal. One might rebuke with the concept of computers being our only way of doing research, writing papers, and storing information, but what are we really using our computers for most times? As I type this article, I am talking on instant messenger, downloading Tom Petty, listening to Copland on MusicMatch, and checking e-mail on Outlook Express.

Where would dorm society drift without the confines of a warm running laptop?

Computers are college students' primary entertainers, and with the astounding capabilities of such machines, it is not surprising that some students weep at losing touch for even thirty minutes. I find myself unable to imagine what dorm life would be without hearing the bleeps of instant messenger bouncing across the halls or walking past doorways and not seeing people glued to their screens. Where would dorm society drift without the confines of a warm running laptop? Would we leave our rooms to talk? Would we read books? Surely, the mass marketing of technological products to younger generations has done some good things, particularly in speeding up tasks that in the past, would have been time consuming. However, as I have watched the college student bawl over her disconnection, I wondered what these new toys have taken from us as a culture and also what will be further sacrificed in the future as industries continue to grow.

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Weekly Discourse: Studying Abroad

A worthwhile opportunity or an experience to reconsider?

Kelly Lehman

News Editor

For college students, studying abroad gives them an opportunity to experience another culture. These students not only go to a foreign university for a semester or more, they live in that country; some even seek jobs while abroad. One has the chance to strengthen foreign language skills or maybe learn about a different form of government. For example, while I was in Australia, I didn't become fluent in a different language. Instead, I learned about their system of government that was modeled after Great Britain's parliament. Elections in Australia are compulsory, which I thought was beneficial to the country. Everyone had to vote, meaning every citizen's vote counted, as long as they abided by this law.

When you are abroad, you also adjust to differences in everyday life, such as driving on the other side of the road. Suppose you didn't drive while in England. You would still have to remember to look to your right first, then left, when crossing streets. Variations even between accents can be confusing at first and force you to listen closely to what people say to you. Someone from Northern Australia sounds very different than a Western Australian. While attending lectures, I could barely understand my Aboriginal Art History professor for the first few weeks because her Australian accent was so thick. I went to every one of her lectures and I took meticulous notes and still had to ask my classmates to borrow their notes.

These adjustments allow for students to slow down and observe the culture around them. Things they took for granted, like buying their favorite chocolate (my friend craved Reese's Peanut Butter cups but couldn't find them anywhere) at the grocery store on Sunday are impossible; The stores don't carry it and grocery stores aren't open on Sundays. These were minor adjustments that made us laugh. As long as you keep a positive attitude and realize that these aren't disasters but ways to learn and grow, you will fair well in another country.

Traveling is another part of the study abroad experience that students anticipate. If you are studying in a European country, you have the chance to take long weekends to other countries. While in Australia, some students went as far as Japan and Bali on our three-week spring break. Even at my temporary home, the International House, a residence hall at the University of Queensland, I experienced international influence. I learned traditional Indian dancing from some of the Indian students and was able to perform these dances at an outdoor festival held by the International House.

One negative aspect of the studying abroad was leaving my new friends, both Australian and international, behind. The unique lessons I learned while abroad caused me to recommend this adventure to everyone.

Allison Newman

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Now I know that going abroad is supposed to be an excellent experience, but there are many factors that make the experience not as worthwhile. Many people, when they go to a foreign country, experience culture shock. They need to learn a whole new way to act in certain situations and in some instances, learn a whole new language. So at least for the first month or so, if you are not fluent in the language already, you must learn a language. Also, you need to figure out how to communicate with others who live in that country and use that language without knowing the language very well.

> *The airfare is very expensive...some families are not fortunate enough to have that kind of money lying around...*

Nowadays, it is extremely expensive to travel on planes, especially to a popular destination like Australia. Though the school says you don't have to pay anything besides airfare because your tuition pays for everything else, the airfare is very expensive. If you don't have the extra money, it's very hard to find that kind of money. Some families are not fortunate enough to have that kind of money lying around, so it's harder for those who don't have as much money to go as the rest of the students who want to go.

Since Sept. 11, flying has become a riskier and frightful event. Everything that has been happening in the news recently has had to do with some sort of plane crash. At this moment I would not be too happy to have to go on a plane. I would be too frightened to board one.

Another problem with going away for a semester abroad is leaving your friends and family for a few months. I know that leaving your family is not that hard since you don't really see them much while you are a college anyway, but leaving your friends from college is a lot harder. You leave and your friends go on with their lives without you, and once you get back you have to deal with their little inside jokes that you missed while you were gone. Also, you might have to deal with your friends becoming closer while you were away. And once you come back, you have to deal with them being closer with each other than with you. Also, in a case like mine, if I went away I would be leaving my boyfriend for a few months, which I would not want to do. I did that over the summer and it was not fun.

Now I know that going abroad for a semester is supposed to be a fantastic experience but there are many reasons why I wouldn't go abroad.

Allison is a sophomore with a Communications major.

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Highlights from the news: America's relationship with Yemen

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to the bombings of the USS Cole. If our stance hasn't changed and if we're continuing to operate in the manner that motivated Yemen's hatred for us in the first place, why their sudden change in mind? The fact that Yemen is currently reaching out to help us in a time of crisis is not a bad thing on its own. But given the history between both nations, I'm skeptical about the authenticity of Yemeni efforts, and I can't help but think that our acceptance of their aid will only come back to bite us in the future. When all is said and done, President Bush should not immediately dismiss offers of foreign assistance in the war against terrorism, but only accept them after the offering country's motives are investigated extensively, exhaustively and thoroughly.

Latest poll, the effect of the Sept. 11 attacks

Majority of respondents say they've increased their knowledge of Muslim faith

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

The most recent poll conducted by the Institute of Public Opinion found that the fear of terrorism felt by Lehigh Valley residents has decreased since September. About half of the respondents, however, were fearful that they or their family members would be exposed to anthrax, which was not an issue immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks. The poll also found great support for ground troops in Afghanistan, with nine out of ten of those people surveyed in favor of that form of diplomatic action.

The survey found that only about one-tenth of residents will cancel travel plans due to terrorism threats and most have not purchased additional supplies such as bottled water and gas masks, in anticipation of further attacks.

A majority of respondents also indicated that they are not worried about terrorists attacking their community. These findings support the idea that fears of terrorism have not dramatically affected the everyday lives of Lehigh Valley residents.

The recent anthrax infections have increased concern regarding chemical and biological weapons, which this poll found to be the biggest terrorist threat felt by respondents.

Approximately one-third of those surveyed said they were not sure the local government could react properly to a chemical or biological attack.

About two-thirds of those surveyed said they have learned more about the Muslim faith since the terrorist attacks and are against the racial profiling of Arabs and Muslims as a measure to prevent terrorism. A majority of respondents did, however, feel that the government should have more power to prevent terrorism even if Americans lose privacy.

The Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion performed this poll via telephone, through random sampling of households in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

A total of 305 survey questionnaires, which were created by Dr. Christopher Borick, Assistant Professor in the Political Science department, were completed.

Borick said the next public opinion poll will take place in February or March, but to date he is unsure of its subject.

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 12 - Student Welfare - The mother of a student was unable to get in contact with them. Campus Safety found the student.

Nov. 13 - Controlled Substance - A resident of Walz Hall had was found to be in possession of marijuana. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 13 - Theft - A prayer box, paper and pens were stolen from a table in front of a room in Martin Luther.

Nov. 15 - Theft - A college employee's jacket was stolen from the kitchen in Seegers.

Nov. 15 - Fire Alarm - Residents of the TKE fraternity house set off a fire alarm from sanding wood.

Nov. 17 - Alcohol Violation - Three students living in Walz Hall were referred to the Dean's office after being caught with the possession of alcohol.

Nov. 18 - Alcohol Violation - Three underage Walz Hall residents and one non-student were in possession of alcohol.

Nov. 19 - Vandalism - A car parked in the ML lot had its side view mirror broken off.

Nov. 19 - Sick Student - A Brown Hall resident was taken to the hospital due to an upset stomach.

Nov. 19 - Vandalism - The passenger lock of an automobile parked on Turner Street was pried loose.

Nov. 19 - Suspicious Person - A student was approached by three suspicious persons in the Trumbower building and asked if he was interested in purchasing drugs. Two of these men were light-skinned and one dark-skinned.

Nov. 19 - Vandalism - A window of a housekeeping closet was smashed in East Hall.

Nov. 19 - Harassment - The mail room received numerous calls for an employee.

Nov. 21 - Theft - Two, three-foot tall speakers were stolen from the TKE fraternity house along with a compact disc player.

Nov. 22 - Stolen Property - A sign that was removed from Cedar Beach Park was found in the residence located at 2202 Gordon Street.

Nov. 25 - Found Property - Shotgun articles were found in dumpster in the Seegers faculty parking lot.

Nov. 26 - Alcohol Violation - An underage student in MacGregor Village was found to be in possession of a full alcohol flask. He was referred to the Dean of Student's office.

Nov. 26 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - A student in MacGregor Village possessed marijuana seeds, rolling paper and a pipe. The student was referred to the Dean.

Nov. 26 - Alcohol Violation - A student in the Tremont apartment complex was in possession of a false ID, four pellet guns and two paintball guns.

Nov. 26 - Alcohol Violation - A resident of Walz Hall was in possession of marijuana, and 'Berg Bookstore shopping basket. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 26 - Alcohol / Fire Safety Violation - A Prosser Hall resident was found in possession of a bottle of wine and incense.

Student film shines at 9.11 forum

BY SHANNON SOLHEIM
Weekly News Writer

Two months after the terrorist attacks on the United States, the College community is still interested in discussing their effects on our nation and our personal lives. Over 30 students and faculty attended the second Sept. 11 - related forum. The forum was hosted by the Communication and Political Science Departments on Nov. 15 in the newly remodeled Commons Building.

The agenda for the night began with the viewing of two videos, followed by an open discussion.

The first video, Justice Without War: Muhlenberg Offers Alternatives, was filmed and produced by Adam Cavanaugh, '03. The 14-minute video covered the Justice Without War Rally

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The second 9.11 forum included video footage from New York. Dr. Scheinder spoke at the forum, which was held in the newly remodeled Commons Building.

PHOTO BY MATT MEYERS

RJ Fellowship

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work.

Designed and negotiated from July 2000 until late Spring 2001, the Program will be implemented in the fall for the incoming class of 2006. In the long term, the RJ Fellowship Program will be permanently endowed, and will complement the College's Dana Associates and Muhlenberg Scholars programs. Curtis Dretsch, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty worked closely with the founders of the RJ Foundation, Joseph and Rita Scheller to develop the RJ Fellowship Program. "The Schellers' gift will enhance the College's active learning experience and increase the cooperative research efforts of our students and faculty in unusual and exciting ways," says Dretsch. Long-time members of the College Community, Joseph and Rita Scheller established the RJ Foundation. Mr. Scheller has been a member of the Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees since 1995 and a board member for the College's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding for several years. He is also the former chairman of the Silberline Manufacturing Co., Inc.

"Joe and Rita Scheller are special friends of the College. As a result of their generosity, the College is able to implement yet another value-added program to benefit our students and faculty. We are grateful that they have presented us with such an opportunity," added President Arthur R. Taylor.

> To qualify for the program, students must be "*academically adventurous, intellectually curious, creative, and motivated to produce a positive change in the world,*" according to the RJ Fellowship contract.

Operation Enduring Freedom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
More Marines poured into Afghanistan, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said America was "tightening the noose" around Osama bin Laden and his Taliban allies. Taliban control in their southern stronghold appeared to be crumbling. Iraq on Tuesday condemned strikes by U.S. planes on a fort near the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif where about 300 foreign fighters were detained.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
U.S. Marines went into action in Afghanistan on Monday, attacking an enemy convoy after establishing a base from which to track Osama bin Laden and crush his Taliban protectors. Passengers killed in the hijack crash of United Airlines Flight 93 have become heroes of the Sept. 11 attacks -- everyday Americans who apparently fought back, sacrificing themselves to stop yet another plane being used as a weapon of terror.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Several hundred U.S. Marines landed in southern Afghanistan near the last major Taliban stronghold of Kandahar and more troops would follow in the next few days. The United States used heavily armed AC-130 gunships and MH-60 Black Hawk helicopters on Sunday to help Northern Alliance commanders crush a revolt by foreign Taliban prisoners at a mud-walled fort in northern Afghanistan.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
More than 1,000 Taliban fighters surrendered to U.S.-backed Northern Alliance forces besieging the Afghan town of Kunduz on Saturday while President Bush warned Americans of "difficult times ahead" as his war on terrorism accelerated. The U.S. military said on Saturday that up to 65 long-range bombers and tactical jets attacked caves and tunnels in Afghanistan on Friday amid the reported surrender.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
U.S. warplanes pounded tunnels and caves in Afghanistan's mountains and the Pentagon said on Friday it had dropped a devastating "Daisy Cutter" bomb south of the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar as the United States stepped up the hunt for Osama bin Laden. The U.S. military on Friday said up to 70 long-range bombers and tactical jets continued to pound caves and tunnels in Afghanistan on Thursday as the United States disclosed it had dropped a third 15,000-pound "Daisy Cutter" bomb south of Kandahar.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Northern Alliance troops and tanks launched an attack on the besieged Afghan city of Kunduz on Thursday after attempts to negotiate a Taliban surrender collapsed. The Northern Alliance said it launched an assault to take the northern Afghan enclave of Kunduz by force on Thursday after the failure of talks on a Taliban surrender in the sieged province.

Wednesday, November 21
The U.S. war in Afghanistan is looking more and more like a manhunt for Osama bin Laden. A 94-year-old woman from a rural Connecticut town became the fifth person in the United States to die from inhalation anthrax in a baffling case that revived fears of bioterrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington. Afghanistan's Taliban agreed on Thursday to surrender in the besieged northern enclave of Kunduz, but the fundamentalist militia has vowed to defend to the death their remaining southern strongholds.

Compiled by Daniel R. Engelberg V

Inside Campus Safety

This past week the Campus Safety department purchased a car boot. According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, the boot will be put into use immediately.

This device is used to immobilize the car by placing a metal bar and lock onto a tire.

The boot will be placed on cars illegally parked which have a record of fines in excess of $200.

Campus Safety will not search out these cars, but instead only use the boot if one of these cars is currently illegally parked.

9.11 forum brings student ideas to film

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held at the College, along with pictures taken from CNN and Time Magazine, which were then set to music.

Cavanaugh did not agree with the message his video conveyed. When he was asked to cover the Justice Without War Rally, he expected the speakers to offer more alternatives. "Since I did not agree with what they were saying," Cavanaugh stated, "I had no message to give out, so I let them [the speakers] narrate the video." He continued to say, "If there was one thing I would change, I would like to double the length of the video and offer more alternatives. Unfortunately there were no war rallies on campus."

The second video shown, entitled *9.11*, was produced by the independent Media Center in New York. It compiled footage of over 15 independent videographers into a 28-minute video that advocated peace during this time of war. Muslims in America were shown speaking out to New Yorkers on the steps of buildings, recalling the injustices they've received since the attacks. The posters with photos of the hundreds of missing people caught in the WTC explosion and memorials that were constructed along the sides of the streets were captured on this film. Peace rallies in NYC were included as well.

One of the organizers of the forum, Dr. Jim Schneider, of the Communications department, was also the discussion mediator. He was pleased the outcome of the event. "I thought it was a valuable opportunity to express and discuss a variety of views regarding these events and our response to them," Schneider said. "In controversial matters like this, we often don't know what we think until we have an opportunity to express our ideas in a forum like this. It's a way of making up our own minds and developing a perspective that is our own, that we can lay claim to," he continued.

There are no specific plans for another Sept. 11 forum as of yet, however, there is a possibility for another one to be held early in the spring semester.

OFF CAMPUS

Bucks County -- The last kiss inmate Michael Fadako received from his girlfriend lasted long enough for Jennifer Lorenzo to slip two condoms containing drugs from her mouth into his. Hours later, Fadako died when one of the condoms burst in his stomach.

On Monday, Lorenzo, 21, pleaded guilty to smuggling drugs into Bucks County Prison. Also pleading guilty were Colleen Giebler, 30, and Nicoale Perrone, 21, who are also defendants in an alleged drug smuggling ring unearthed by a grand jury this summer.

Upper Saucon Township -- Eight teenagers, seven of whom escaped from a northwestern Pennsylvania juvenile facility on Wednesday, were captured Thursday after trying to steal cars in Upper Saucon Township, according to police. Police said they found six 17-year-olds, one 16-year-old and 18-year-old Cruz Rivera. The individuals were in various locations along Route 309 Thursday night and Friday morning after the Vision Quest center for troubled youths in Franklin, Venango County, reported that seven teenagers escaped Wednesday.

Allentown -- The founding director of a nonprofit housing rehabilitation and management program has been tapped by Mayor-Elect Roy C. Afflerbach to become Allentown's new community development director. Ed Pawlowski, president and chief executive officer of the Alliance for Building Communities, Allentown, was named by Afflerbach to succeed Ross P. Marcus. As organized under the administration of Mayor William L. Heydt, the community development director runs the Planning Bureau, the Health Bureau and the Parks Department and leads the city's economic and community-building efforts. The position is one of the most important in the mayor's cabinet.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 55 Low: 38	High: 53 Low: 33	High: 54 Low: 35

Valerie Lane always lends a helping hand

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Lane, "I want to help students figure out where they want to make a difference." She attributes her success to the students on this campus. Lane sites an increasing level of student interest in community service projects over the past several years as a fundamental component to the expanding role of the College in community and world affairs. Lane believes she is merely the facilitator of this process.

Among students who have worked with Lane, there is a great deal of appreciation and admiration for her devotion and enthusiasm. Sarina Ahuja, '03, says, "Valerie is an amazing asset to our college community. She fosters student involvement and creativity with her infectious level of energy." Diana Bharucha, '03, voices a similar opinion. "Valerie is truly motivational for students seeking community involvement." These student volunteers think Lane's enthusiasm for her job is unparalleled at the College. Lane states, "I always tell people that I truly have the best job on campus."

Holocaust Resource Center

The Holocaust Resource Center opened last Tuesday. Mary Shankweller, the Center's Administrative Assistant, will be at the Center periodically next semester.

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about the Holocaust. The Trexler Library Catalog will now include these media to make them more readily available to students of the College.

By moving to the College, the Center plans to expand its resources to include oral history tapes of Holocaust survivors and reach a broader audience that will promote research and proliferation of the Center.

The move will also increase the likelihood of courses on Judaism being offered at the College.

According to Dean Curtis Dretsch, Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of Faculty, the Center is "a core resource for all concerned with the human condition."

The Jewish Archives/Holocaust Resource Center will be open to the public on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 209 of Ettinger.

Learning about biological weapons

New course on bio-terrorism and more warfare discussion in science classes

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

A class with a new concentration placed on subjects such as smallpox, anthrax, and other pathogens has been introduced for non-science majors. This will allow a greater number in the College to be exposed to and explore these topics. Dr. Anita Kurt will be teaching this course which is titled "Small Invaders, Big Threats."

"The course was developed by Dr. Kurt before the recent events, because I asked her to develop something different for our non-majors than the typical concepts courses which too often cover the same topics as those covered in high school courses," said Dr. Paul Meier, head of the Biology Department. "It turned out that the course was very timely."

Due to an increased fear of bio-terrorism in our country, there have been some other minor changes taking place in the College's biology department on the classroom level.

Biology professor Dr. David Much teaches "Medical Microbiology" as well as "Bubonic Plague to AIDS," and it seems that his courses were greatly influenced by the recent events involving biological terrorism. Because of the nature of his classes, discussions about organisms that can be used in biological warfare have always taken place.

"War has always been part of our civilization and as I teach in my 'Bubonic Plague to AIDS' class, so has the use of microbial agents as weapons," Much said.

> *"It turned out that the course was very timely."*
> Dr. Paul Meier,
> Biology Department Head

Due to the increased fear that biological weapons will be used to achieve mass murder, "Bubonic Plague to AIDS" has always included a discussion about smallpox and whether the two remaining stocks of the disease should be destroyed. Viewpoints on such historical diseases have changed, and a new focus seems to have been placed on these same diseases used as weapons.

"One student's presentation on smallpox emphasized its use as a terrorist weapon rather than a historical disease that gave us the first vaccine or as the first infectious disease that has been eradicated from the planet," said Dr. Much.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Much has introduced his course in Microbiology with the "Top Ten Reasons to study Microbiology."

Number 10 on the list had been biological warfare, however due to the increased interest in this issue since the occurrences surrounding Sept. 11, biological warfare has moved up to number seven on the list.

While some minor changes in classroom discussions have occurred in the department, it does not appear that any major alterations have taken place, at least on the curriculum level.

"I am sure that the recent events do become topics of conversation in many of our other courses, but I am not aware of anyone altering in any significant way the content of their courses to reflect those events," said Dr. Meier.

Students can discover serenity in the center of campus

BY CHERYL WORTZEL
Assistant News Editor

The Serenity Garden is partially hidden by trees on the front lawn of campus and is a place few people are aware of. The Garden was a student initiated class gift to the College from the senior class of 1998. The project included a fountain, the waterlines to reach the fountain, and benches. It cost approximately ten thousand dollars to construct.

The area was designed by landscaper and architect Patricia Lemmerman. Lemmerman works in Allentown and does other landscaping projects at the College. Jim Steffy, consultant to the College for capital projects states, "The class wanted to do something with that particular space because the felt it was quiet, beautiful, and because it has a direct view of Hass College Center."

The College has not yet put up a dedication marker in the garden, but has plans to do so. The photo to the right shows the Garden's fountain covered for the late fall and winter months. Pictured below is the fountain in spring, with surrounding trees in full bloom.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM STEFFY

Fountain covered for the season.

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A Celebration of Life:

Commemorating 20 Years of Life, Love and Compassion

World AIDS Week Is Coming!!!

Life:
Blood Drive - Thursday, Nov. 29
Red Door, 11a.m.-7p.m.
Confidential HIV Testing - Thursday, Nov. 29
Health Center, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.
Speaker: Diana Emmet, Nov. 29
Moyer Forum, 7:30p.m.

Love:
Chat with Diana, Nov. 30
Seegers 108, 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.
Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing, Nov. 30
Egner Chapel, 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Compassion:
World AIDS Day Benefit Concert, Dec. 1
Moyer Forum, 6:30p.m.-10:30p.m.

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-SID CAESAR

Coach Herman Boone "Remembers the Titans"

Herman Boone spoke at the College on Thursday night.

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BY CHRISSY CULOTTA AND BRIAN TALBOTT
Weekly Staff Writer and Managing Editor

"All over the country, where ever I go to speak, there are stand up crowds, so many people that often enough there aren't enough chairs for everyone to sit down. That's when I usually find out that someone spread the word, Denzel was coming."

Coach Herman Boone, portrayed by Denzel Washington in the blockbuster film, "Remember the Titans," spoke in Miller Forum on Thursday, Nov. 15. His opening set the tone for the night, humor and hard-lined truth in the same message.

In 1971, Boone had the unenviable job of threading together the racial tensions of three segregated high schools on the football field. In Alexandria, Virginia, two black schools and the one all white school combined to form the T. C. Williams High School. "In '69 or '70 the racial situation wasn't explosive, but when they consolidated the three schools, they were adding a lot more than just racial tension. The three high schools had been archrivals. I was chosen to be head coach over a very popular white coach. I was picked to satisfy the federal government and the black community. It was against both my wishes and desires."

The students who were gathered in Moyer Hall last Thursday were eager to meet the man that was so influential in successfully completing an almost impossible task. He was able to teach the players in a two-week camp held at Gettysburg College that when you shook hands, color didn't come off. They really were the same.

"We forced them to sit down with each other and learn something about each other. We then would interview them, and when we decided that what they were telling us could only be learned through talking with the other teammate, we would sign off on their sheet. There were 92 names they had to get signed off and the alternative was an extra two-hour practice with me. By doing this they learned that forced dialogue wasn't necessary, that they could talk to each other. They learned that decency and respect weren't limited to just one race. That trust became the emotional glue that bound them together."

On the last night of camp, they had a talent show. "That night, the blacks did white humor and vice versa. They learned to laugh with each other, it broke the ice of communications. At breakfast the next morning, they ate together for the first time. God works in mysterious ways. When they came back from that trip, they began to teach their parents that it's okay to have friends of a different race."

Boone taught that night that kicking adversity in between the eyes is the only way to overcome our current adversity, the events of Sept. 11. "Each of us must help in our own way. We need to show these terrorists that this is the last victory they will ever have. Life is a game, you win some and you lose some, but life moves on regardless! We need to move on as a country and we need to kick this adversity in the butt."

Our generation needs to "learn from the mistakes of others, because you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

The MTA Blackbox production, "Terminating," shows this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Left to right: Elliot Gerard '02, Lori Vroegindewey '04 and Charlotte McIvor '04.

PHOTO BY KIPP LANHAM

Question of the Week: *What was the best part about Thanksgiving?*

"The 'Family Ties' marathon on Nick at Nite."
-Tracy Cetel '02

"The frozen purple stuff that my brother makes."
-Marie Grosso '05

"Taking a nap after I stuffed myself."
-Bill Lees '03

"Getting a break from school."
-Candice Elliott '05

COMPILED BY SCOTT CHESTER

Pages to remember: *scrapbooks preserve memories for freshmen*

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

Imagine ten years after graduating from college you find yourself paging through a scrapbook that focuses on the week of your freshman orientation. As your fingers move across the colorful pages, you view pictures of yourself and your friends, familiar quotes and poems. Thanks to three Muhlenberg students, this is now possible.

The idea of the freshman orientation scrapbook was the product of the imagination of Student Advisors Leilani Leard (who is currently teaching English in Japan), Steve Soroka and Nkechi Ngumezi. These three Student Advisors created this idea two summers ago. They put the scrapbook together as a keepsake for the freshman and gave it to them at a holiday party. According to Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, whose office coordinates freshman orientation, "The words are important" in the scrapbooks. One quote, which is used in the scrapbook of Leard, Soroka and Ngumezi reads, "The journey is the destination."

In reference to the creation of the scrapbooks, there are no set guidelines that the Student Advisors have to follow, other than the fact that there can be a maximum of eight sides. Dean Shiner Wilson explains, "If things are too prescriptive, it tends to shut down creativity...the scrapbooks are a matter of the individual's imagination."

Rather than simply creating scrapbooks, this year Student Advisors are also making collages of orientation week. A benefit of having a collage is that it can be framed.

At the moment half of the scrapbooks are already completed. Some of the Student Advisors want to have a party at the beginning of next year so that they will have more time to work on their keepsakes for the freshman. However, Dean Shiner Wilson explains that one thing that the Student Advisors have in common is that they "want to do something special so incoming students will have a keepsake so they can look back at the beginning of their experience at Muhlenberg."

Above: An advisor and her students enjoy the summer weather during orientation weekend.
Below: First-year students attend the candlelighting ceremony.

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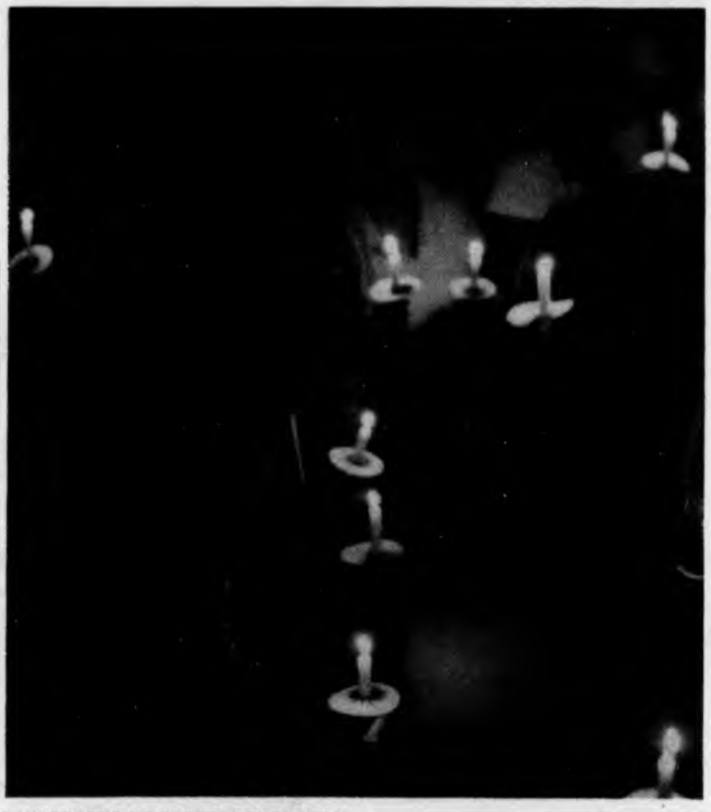

Merchant's wistful voice shines on *Motherland*

life! *review*

BY MICHAEL LERMAN
Head Copy Editor

For better or worse, Natalie Merchant has transcended her Lilith Fair folk-rock sound to pursue something more stylistic with *Motherland*. Both her voice and her songs have really matured since the early nineties. This album is not without its sap, however, and Merchant hasn't forgotten her musical roots at times when she probably should. Overall, her style has turned from grinningly cynical to wistfully bitter.

"This House is on Fire" is an eerie departure from her previous albums, *Tigerlily* and *Ophelia*. It combines Merchant's bold voice with wailing violins and a somewhat reggae bassline. "Put the Law on You" is an old-fashioned blues song replete with horns and an electric organ. These are two of the less resentful songs on the album. It seems the whole CD is dedicated to being spurned and getting lyrical revenge. Her ire grows on "Build a Levee," which delivers a great beat and the skeptical lyrics, "Beware of the devil and his charming ways... Gotta build yourself a levee deep inside." Her metaphors are thin, but they're emotionally charged. "The Worst Thing" shines, offering Merchant's knowing narrative and flourishing Spanish guitars over an orchestra. *Motherland* reaches its darkest observation in this song: "Once I could love/I could trust/I could not doubt/But that was the worst thing that I could do."

Not everything on this album is a keeper; songs like the clichéd "Saint Judas" and the country-themed piano ballad "I'm Not Gonna Beg." "Henry Darger," a Celtic tune on which Merchant raises her voice an octave or two, while technically superior to most of the other songs, is too sluggish to evoke any real interest. On the other hand, some of the tracks here are interesting without being great. With its somber electric guitars and Merchant's soft crooning, "Golden Boy" is a fairly decent song, almost a throwback to *Tigerlily*. "Not in this Life," conversely, is a song of empowerment reminiscent of her days with 10,000 Maniacs. That and the other few songs on this album are tepid enough to warrant pressing the 'skip' button on your CD player.

Natalie Merchant has had several major hits over the past ten years ("Wonder," "These Are Days," etc.), but she's never been at the forefront of the music scene. If you listen to *Motherland*, you can get an idea of why. It's a decent album, a must for a Merchant enthusiast, but it doesn't have enough overall catchiness to keep most listeners interested throughout. The elements for greater success are there; Natalie Merchant just needs to push herself above the generic Lilith Fair fray with something more indicative of her talent.

life! *movie listings*

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Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
Fri.-3:15, 3:45, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; Sat.-11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; Sun.-11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30, 8:00, 8:15

Monsters, Inc.
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Behind Enemy Lines
Fri.-4:10, 7:40, 10:15; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:40, 10:15; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:40, 10:15; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10

The Spy Game
Fri.-4:00, 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:!5; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:50

Black Knight
Fri.-5:10, 7:50, 10:00; Sat.-12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:00; Sun.-12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 8:10

Out Cold
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 9:50; Sat.-12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50; Sun.-12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 8:00

Domestic Disturbance
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Roommate battles

Part two of a three part series on how to cope with stress

By Jessica Skrocki
Life! Editor

As the end of the semester approaches, assignments and exams start piling up, and you may be finding yourself anxious and irritable. Oftentimes, you'll feel an added source of stress from the person who is (physically) closest to you: your roommate. Whether your roommate is your best friend at college or someone randomly assigned to live with you, you still have another whole semester left with him or her. It's best to keep your relations positive. What follows are a few suggestions to help you stay cool and calm during this time of the year when term papers are at a maximum and all you can think about is going home.

Decide when and when not to confront your roommate. Maybe it really bothers you that your roommate has her boyfriend over 24 hours a day, but you don't want to say anything that will cause a conflict. Avoiding confrontation, however, usually means avoiding a problem that will need to be resolved sooner or later. It's difficult to confront someone, and doesn't always work out, especially if the timing is wrong. Avoid confronting your roommate as she is running to a class or about to go to bed. Instead, bring up your problem over dinner or at a time that is convenient for both of you to sit down and talk.

Don't blow up. Although disagreements are normal and even healthy, yelling and arguing with your roommate won't get you anywhere. Speak in a controlled, calm voice. If your feel your anger rising during a discussion, put the talk on hold until you are both have an even temperament. At the same time, avoid the silent treatment. While your stony face will alert your roommate that you have an issue with him, he'll never know what it is if you keep your mouth shut.

Apologize/Forgive and forget. If you owe your roommate an apology, give it, and be sincere. "I'm sorry I stepped on your Jay-Z CD, even though I did do the world a favor," probably won't make your roommate feel any better. Apologizing means making yourself vulnerable for a few moments, but suck it up and realize that it will keep your relationship happy in the long run. Conversely, if your roommate apologizes to you, accept it and forget about it. If you still find that you just can't handle being in your room anymore, it's possible that you and your roommate are just not compatible. It would then be most effective to hold a meeting with your RA. You may have the option to switch rooms with someone. However, that is a rare occurrence. Enjoy the month off, and look at next semester as a fresh start. Even roommates who have absolutely nothing in common can end up good friends.

Don't dread going into your own room!

Photo by Jessica Skrocki

Through the lens:

The Muhlenberg Mule embraces a child at the Scotty Wood Tournament last weekend.

Photo by Scott Swartz

WHAT'S HAPPENING???

Thursday, November 29
8:30 - 11:30pm (Red Door)
PUNK ROCK CONCERT
Hidden In Plain View/Dakota Dream/Outline/A Day Late

Mardi Gras

Friday, November 30
5pm (Red Door)
Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back
10pm-2am (Red Door)
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Saturday, December 1
8pm (Red Door)
SOME THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE
10pm-Midnight (Red Door)
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Where's our alligator??

Sunday, December 2
Bus Trip to Rockefeller Center (SOLD OUT)
7pm (Red Door)
Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back

Tuesday, December 4
Noon - 6pm (Seegers Lobby)
Nate's Marathon Concert

7pm Red Door
Fri 12/7
Sat 12/8
AMERICAN PIE

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9TH
2-6 pm FREE MASSAGES

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3pm " Movie American Pie"

horoscopes

Aries

Instead of calculating your next step, try a little spontaneity today. If someone asks you to do something, just say 'yes'. Never mind the mental to-do list running through your mind. Have some fun!

Taurus

You have to resist the urge to get things done in a hurry. You've gained a good reputation for taking things easy and paying attention to detail. There's no reason for change now.

Gemini

You've asked for advice from just about everyone on certain issues. Your best bet right now would be to listen to your friends. They've already been through what you're going through and it can't hurt to try something that has already been tested out.

Cancer

Everybody's racing around trying to get things done. Make sure you don't get caught up in the frenzy. You'll need to take a little more time to get the things done.

Leo

It's totally boring to have conversations with people who you know will agree with you. Branch out a little and see if someone has a new perspective to share with you.

Virgo

You'll need to focus more on your budget today. If you've been sharing a little too much of your lunch money, today is a good day to end that tradition.

Libra

Today is the perfect day to settle some issues. You'll need to have a one-on-one with not only your professor, but most likely that special somebody in your life, too.

Scorpio

While everyone else will be putting on the extra pounds during the holidays you're not going to. Why? Because starting today you're going to find yourself a nice workout plan and stick to it.

Sagittarius

You're taking on more and more responsibility around the house. That's good, but don't get overwhelmed. Take it easy for a change and act your age — seriously.

Capricorn

There's no reason to keep putting things on the back burner. Start with the first task you were given and keep going until everything is done. Then you can go play!

Aquarius

You know that just sitting around doing nothing isn't any good for anybody. See if there's an organization that you can get involved in that really helps people.

Pisces

Don't be drawn into something just because it seems to be the easy way out. You know that nothing in life is easy. Stick to what you know for now.

Courtesy of www.astrology.com

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Advent - The first season of the Christian church year. Dedicated to preparation for the festival of Christmas, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25. In 2001, this Christian new year falls on December 2. Devotional practices such as Bible reading, prayer and fasting often characterize Advent practice. Advent calendars allow Christians to count down (or up) through the four weeks to Christmas, with numbered windows on the calendar opening to reveal a Bible verse, gift, good deed to do or something else that gives a theme to the season's reflection and preparation. All branches of Christianity observe Advent.

Top 5
ways to know students were on Thanksgiving Break

5. The library was packed on Sunday night

4. There's no need to go eat in GQ when there are leftovers in the fridge

3. No more dirty laundry

2. The recycling bins were empty last Thursday night

1. Class attendance was low on Monday morning due to tryptophan

By Kelly Anne Robertson

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Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

The NBA fined Kobe Bryant $7,500 on Monday for verbally abusing a game official and failing to leave the court promptly following his ejection. Bryant was ejected with 8:04 remaining in the Los Angeles Lakers' 106-90 victory over Golden State at Staples Center on Friday.

The Washington Redskins are the first team in NFL history to ever go 5-0 after losing the first five game of the season. On Sunday, they defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 13-3, to move within one game of the first place Eagles in the NFC East. Washington plays four of its last six games at home, including another matchup against the Eagles on Dec. 16. Philadelphia had won three straight, including its last two by a total of 64 points. But the Eagles couldn't do anything on offense against the Redskins. They went three-and-out on their first five possessions, punted on the first seven and didn't get a first down until the two-minute warning of the first half. Washington controlled the ball for 37:47 and held the Eagles to 186 total yards and seven first downs.

Woods won his fourth straight Grand Slam on Wednesday, finishing with a record 12-under 132 total for a three-stroke victory over David Toms. The Masters champion also matched the tournament record with a 7-under 65 in the final round on the Poipu Bay course. Toms, the PGA champion, shot a 67. Woods earned $400,000 from the $1 million purse. Toms received $250,000. U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen closed with a 71 to finish third at 137 and earn $200,000, and British Open champion David Duval was last at 4-over 148 after a 72. He earned $150,000. Woods broke the tournament record of 11-under set by Ernie Els in 1997 and also broke a tie with Greg Norman for the tournament victory record.

In Prague, Czech Republic, Jaromir Jagr was chosen as captain of the Czech Republic Olympic hockey team, which will try to defend its gold medal at next year's Salt Lake City Games. The right wing follows Vladimir Ruzicka, who led the Czech Republic to the gold medal in Nagano in 1998. Jagr, the league's scoring champion the last four seasons, will be joined on the team by fellow NHL players Dominik Hasek, Martin Rucinsky, Patrik Elias, Petr Sykora and Milan Hejduk.

Wrestling loses to King's College

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Weekly Sports Writer

The wrestling team entered its match against Division II powerhouse Kutztown on Nov. 15th knowing that it had quite a challenge. Yet despite the final score being 33-12 in favor of Kutztown, the Mules wrestled valiantly and won three bouts, including now nationally ranked Senior captain Bill Holsinger.

Junior Joe Salerno (165) won the first bout of the night. "He outwrestled his opponent for the entire seven minutes and his conditioning allowed him to secure the win in the end," said Junior captain Nate Yeasted.

Freshman Dylan Moulton (141) continued to impress. Despite giving up the first takedown, he had "enough heart to hang in there and eventually ended up pinning his kid," shared Yeasted.

The Mules' third victory was certainly a good news-bad news victory. The good news was that Senior captain Bill Holsinger's overtime victory continued his undefeated streak in the 149-pound weight class. The victory also catapulted Holsinger to a fifth place ranking in the national polls. Despite having "all but lost the match in overtime, he found a way to win. You can expect that from our team leader," said Yeasted. Unfortunately his victory came at a price, according to Head Coach Tom Schleier. The senior injured himself during the overtime period of his victorious bout and will not be wrestling next time the Mules compete.

Regarding the match, Schlierer said, "Overall, it was not bad and I was satisfied."

Football loses final game of season to King's College at ECAC Championship

BY MIKE BILLET
Weekly Sports Writer

The football team lost to the King's College Monarchs 32-29 in the ECAC Southern Region Championship game at Betzler Field on Nov. 17. The loss was a hard one for the Mules as they ended their season on a down note. Despite the loss, the Mules proved to be an exciting team to watch. The team placed a high of 17 players on the All Centennial Conference team. On offense, quarterback Justin Jones, running back Matt Bernardo and receiver Alfredo Mercuri will be returning next year.

After scoring just seven points the week before against Moravian, the offense kicked back into gear against the Monarchs. The three offensive leaders were quarterback Justin Jones, running back Matt Bernardo and wide receiver/kick returner Josh Carter. Jones passed for a season high 280 yards in the losing effort and scrambled for one touchdown. Bernado carried the ball 23 times for a total of 113 yards and scored two touchdowns. Carter ended his career by catching ten passes for 163 yards. Junior Bo Rodrigues led the defense with nine tackles, and recovered two turnovers.

The game started out well for the Mules as they scored on their first offensive possession of the game. Facing a third and 15 on their 30-yard line, Jones completed a 48-yard pass to wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri which brought the ball to King's 22-yard line. After an unsuccessful screen pass to freshman running back Zach Trach, Jones completed a 22-yard touchdown pass to Bernado.

After an exchange of turnovers by each team, the Mules stopped the Monarchs on their second offensive drive of the game. The Monarchs were forced to punt and they gave the ball back to the Mules. The Mules then scored their second touchdown. Freshman Zach Trach's one-yard touchdown run was set up by a 39-yard pass to Carter and a 14 yard run by Bernardo. Once again, Reed missed the extra point attempt, making the score 12-0.

On King's next offensive possession, Freshman running back Richard Jackson fumbled the ball and Jordan Wright recovered the ball for the Mules. Jackson's turnover resulted in a 32-yard successful field goal attempt by Reed, making the score 15-0 at the end of the first quarter.

To start the second quarter, both teams once again exchanged turnovers. King's second offensive drive of the quarter was a result of a fumble by Jones, which was recovered by Steven Wilson. The Monarchs slowly ate away the clock, consuming 7:49 in a 15 play, 51 yard drive which resulted in a field goal by sophomore kicker Matt VonTanhausen, reducing King's deficit to twelve points.

On the Mules next possession, they responded with a touchdown of their own. After a 4-yard run by Bernardo, Jones completed three consecutive passes to Josh Carter for a total of 39 yards. From King's 22 yard line, Bernardo rushed into the end zone and Reed completed his extra point attempt, making the score 22-3.

King's then countered with their first touchdown of the game. The key play of the drive was a 52 yard pass from Senior quarterback Tom Pierantozzi to wide receiver Jim Pio to set the ball up at the Mule's 16-yard line. After two consecutive running plays and facing third and five, Pierantozzi connected with Pio once again for his first touchdown of the game and the extra point attempt was completed, making the score 22-10.

The Monarch's defense stopped the Mules on their next drive and the Mules were forced to punt. The Monarch's capitalized on the stop as on their next offensive possession, they scored their second touchdown of the game.

King's received the ball to start the second half. The Monarch's scored a touchdown on this drive to take over the lead, 25-22. Junior defensive back/kick returner Kamau Woolard returned Reed's kickoff 61 yards to the Mules 36 yard line. They continued on to score a touchdown and a two point conversion to put King's ahead as the Mules relinquished the lead for good .

On the next offensive series for the Mules, a pass by Jones that was intended for tight end Michael Stankowitz was intercepted by King's junior linebacker Ken Kozminski. The turnover led to another touchdown.

The Mules countered with a 10 play, 58 yard drive which consisted of two key plays. Both of these plays were made by Carter who caught passes of 15 and 18 yards. After a pass interference call on King's moved the ball to the two yard line, Jones raced into the end zone on an option keeper. Reed's extra point attempt trimmed the Mules deficit to three, making the score 32-29.

The Mules then successfully converted an onside kick.

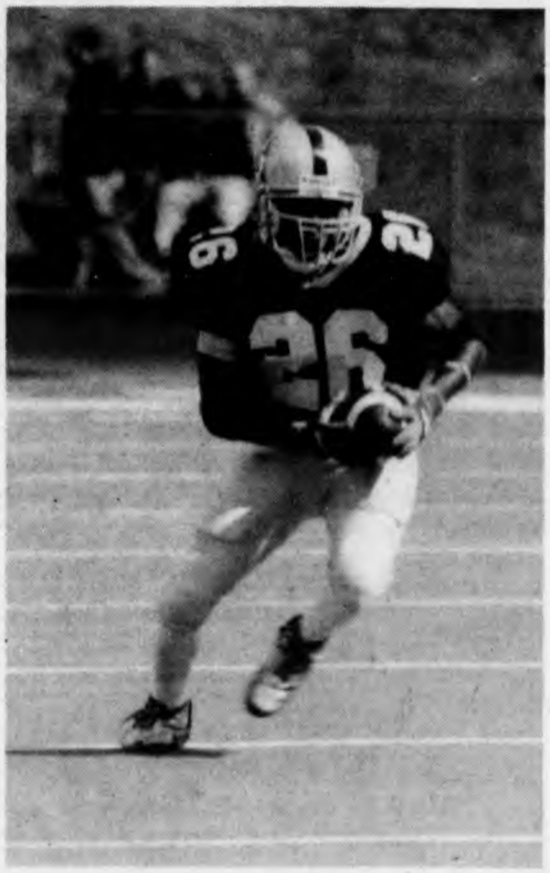

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Senior Josh Carter closed out his career by catching 10 passes for 163 yards.

Women's basketball sweeps Scotty Wood Tournament

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

The women's basketball team finished the close game against Arcadia with a final score 77-73.

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tractions and we were behind by 12 points in the first half, but we came back to win. It gave the players confidence after early play," explained Rohn.

Richmond and fellow sophomore Jill Friedman both earned their first career double-doubles in the game. Richmond had 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Friedman had 14 points and 12 boards. Muhlenberg also out-rebounded Springfield, 62-38.

Coach Rohn also noted that Randi Baran, who played as point guard, contributed greatly to the past games. "She's like our unsung hero, she orchestrates everything out there."

During the first 15 minutes of the second half, the Mules held Juniata to only two field goals, outscoring them 31-8 and taking a 67-56 lead. With 15 seconds remaining, Juniata caught up but the Mules captured the game with three free throws.

"The team has been playing very well," said Coach Rohn, "hopefully Thanksgiving Break won't break our momentum."

The team has five big games within the next ten days, some of which are Conference games. On Thursday, they play at Moravian, which is a "big rivalry game," according to Rohn. "Our competition level keeps getting better as the season progresses." Risley agrees that the competition level is increasing to benefit the team, "We are looking to challenge ourselves this year, we're playing six nationally ranked teams, which will help us in the long run when looking for the Conference title."

Rohn also explained that the team has been playing very well together, "The key to our success is that we are playing with very good defense, we're playing hard with a lot of energy."

He continued, "We are better off as a team than as a group of individuals. We move the ball well and help each other. Everyone is looking better out there on the floor and the players are very excited and positive about the rest of the season."

Mules place record 17 players on All-CC team

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The Mules would move to the King's five-yard line, but on a fourth and one play, Bernardo was stuffed at the line for no gain.

The Mules stopped King's on the ensuing drive and VonTanhausen punted the ball back to the Mules, who pinned the ball at the Mule's nine-yard line. Bernardo started the Mules' drive with a 16-yard run. Jones then connected with Mercuri for a 20-yard completion. After a 4-yard gain by Bernardo, Jones completed a 17-yard pass to Carter. Bernardo then rushed the ball for no gain, and on second down, Jones connected with Carter for 16-yards to take the Mules to King's 19-yard line. But then the Monarch's defense stiffened. Facing fourth and eleven, the Mules attempted a 37-yard field goal to tie the game with 6:12 remaining. Reed's field goal attempt was blocked by defensive back Derek Zambino.

King's tried to run out the clock, but their drive stalled and they were forced to punt the ball back to the Mules. The Mules advanced to their own 46-yard line, picking up first downs on two crucial fourth-down plays. Facing a fourth and 10 and with the game on the line, Jones fumbled the ball after being sacked. The Kings assumed possession with 0:36 remaining and ran out the clock, ending the game and season for the Mules on a low note.

CC-runner Gallagher places at NCAA's in Illinois

Junior Brendan Gallagher was the first athlete from the Cross Country program ever to qualify for the NCAA Division III National Championships. "I felt for the first time out there I did pretty well because I didn't know what to expect in the race and I didn't know how it would pan out. The competition was much higher than what we usually run against and what we expected," expressed Gallagher.

He finished 167th out of 215 runners with a time of 26:32 in 70 degree heat. The Championships were held at Highland Springs golf course in Rock Island, Illinois. Haverford, which won the Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Muhlenberg, Oct. 27th, placed twelfth in the NCAA Championships.

Men's basketball finishes second in Scotty Wood

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that proved costly for the Mules.

The Greyhounds scored seven straight points at the onset of the game to set the tone. Lesko once again paced the Mules offensively scoring 26 points on 11 of 13 shooting. His two-day efforts earned him a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Anderson added fourteen points and six assists.

Madeira said, "We had been playing very well leading up to the Tournament, but we didn't play well Saturday night. We were disappointed in the outcome and in our performance. We were disappointed, but not discouraged though."

Looking to recover from their loss in the Scotty Wood Tournament, the Mules faced Arcadia last Monday. Defensively, the Mules stepped up their game and held Arcadia to just one field goal in the first thirteen minutes of the game.

The Scarlet Knights scored only 19 points in the first half and succumbed to the Mules by the final score of 76-48. Lesko and Freshman John Jemmott both scored 12 points to pace the Mules while three other players contributed with double-digit scoring as well. Holden had eleven points; Strachan added ten points, five assists and four steals, and Anderson contributed ten points and five assists of his own.

"We played with more passion against Arcadia," commented Madeira. The Mules tip off their Conference play this weekend at home against Franklin & Marshall. The Mules were picked unanimously to win the Centennial Conference East Division, but according to Madeira, "Preseason predictions don't mean much." He added, "It is important to open up with a league win. F & M is a veteran team. We need the win to get off to a good start." The game begins in Memorial Hall

Scoreboard

Football

Sat., Nov. 17 vs. King's
College, 29-32

Women's Basketball

Fri., Nov. 16 vs.
Widener, 85-54
Sat., Nov. 17 vs.
Springfield, 60-48
Tues., Nov. 20 vs.
Juniata, 77-73

Men's Basketball

Fri., Nov. 16 vs.
Philadelphia Biblical
University, 80-51
Sat., Nov. 17 vs.
Moravian, 75-88
Tues., Nov. 20 vs.
Arcadia, 76-48

Wrestling

Thurs., Nov. 15, vs.
Kutztown,12-33

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

M & W basketball sweep first round of Scotty Wood

Women open season 3-0 for second time in 15 years

By Sarah Niebler
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Despite losing to Moravian in the finals of the Scotty Wood Tournament, the men's basketball team looks strong heading into Conference competition this season. Senior captain Mark Lesko led the team in scoring last year, averaging just over 20 points per game, making him the first Mule in 30 years to accomplish that feat.

The key to the Mules' success this year appears to hinge on two factors: defense, and whether the Mules can pose a balanced offensive attack. Head Coach Dave Madeira said, "A balanced offensive attack is harder to stop defensively. We are also looking to improve our team defense over last year."

Joining Lesko offensively is fellow Senior Michael Barletta. Barletta was the Mules' second leading scorer last year averaging 11.8 points per game. He was also called upon to provide key shots down the stretch of many games. Barletta led the Mules with 41 three-pointers last year, as well.

Other key returners for the Mules this season include Juniors Anthony Strachan, Toomey Anderson and Aaron Holden. Last year, Strachan led the team in steals with 44, was second in assists with 47, second in rebounding with 5.4 per game and also finished fourth in scoring with 7.9 points per game. Anderson, while only starting 11 games, led the Mules with 64 assists last year. Holden improved dramatically between his freshman and sophomore years as he ranked second on the team in blocked shots.

In the opening round of the Scotty Wood Tournament, the Mules' first game of the season, they pounded Philadelphia Biblical 80-51. The Mules took control of the game early and never looked back. They shot out to a 19-6 lead early and extended their lead to 14 points by halftime.

The Mules didn't let up in the second half as they held Philadelphia Biblical to just over 28% shooting. Lesko's team-leading 17 points extended his personal streak to 24 straight games with double-digit points. Senior guard Bill Cwieka had three first-half three-pointers and finished with eleven points. Holden had ten points, six rebounds and four assists in the contest.

By defeating Philadelphia Biblical, the Mules earned their way to their 19th straight appearance in the Scotty Wood Championship game. In that game, the Mules faced local rival Moravian and fell to the Greyhounds 75-88. The Mules' offense struggled, but it was the lack of defense

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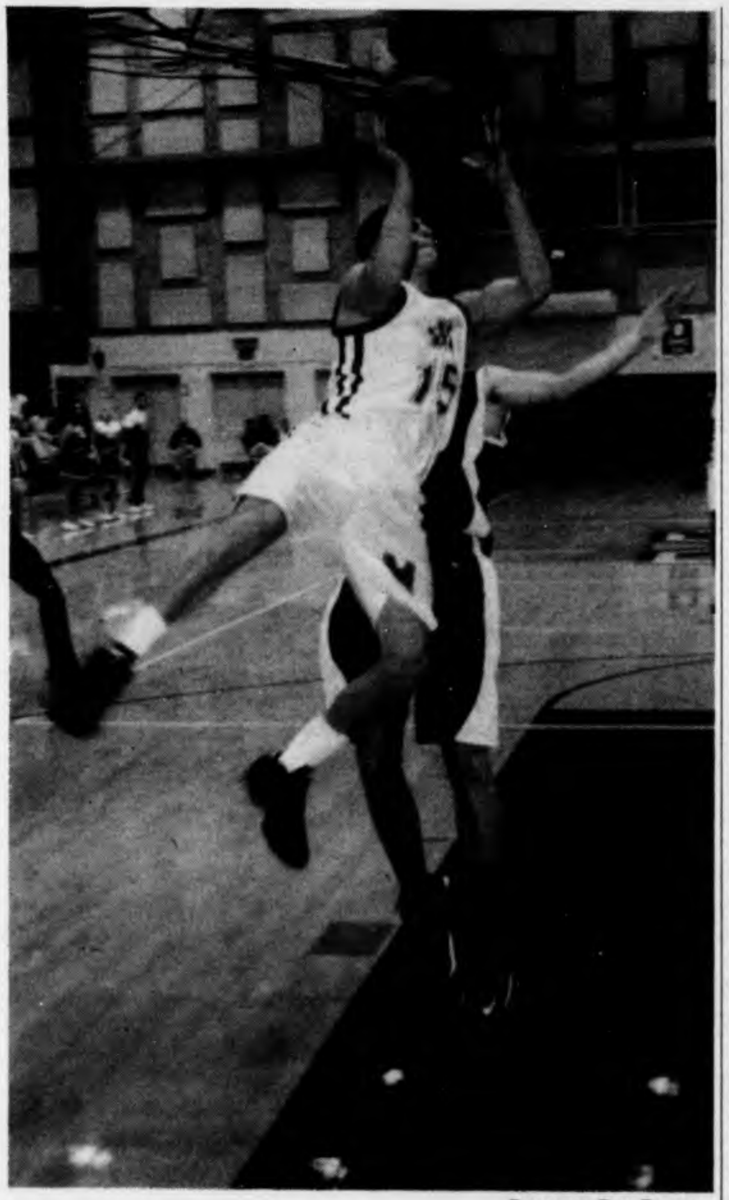

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Senior Michael Barletta led the team last year with 41 three-pointers and was the second leading scorer with 11.8 points per game.

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

Women's basketball opened its season on Friday, Nov. 16, defeating Widener, 85-54, in the first round of the Scotty Wood Tournament. On Saturday, they continued to dominate the Tournament by winning the championship game against 25th ranked Springfield, 60-48. The team's winning streak continued on Tuesday, away at Juniata, the 2001 MAC playoff qualifier, when they came back from a slow first half to win, 77-73. For only the second time in 15 years, the Mules opened their season 3-0.

In their 10th straight home win, the women's basketball team started off their official season game against Widener with a 13-2 lead early in the game. In both halves Muhlenberg forced 14 turnovers and held Widener to 32.8 percent shooting.

Senior captain Jenn Risley scored 15 points, and Sophomore Lindsay Tis added a career-high nine points.

Sophomore Susan Marchiano, named M.V.P. of the Tournament, tied a Scotty Wood record with 13 field goals in 15 attempts (against Widener); she finished the tournament with a career-high 26 points and 9 rebounds. Marchiano's strong playing continued through the championship game against Springfield, scoring 16 points and having 12 rebounds, making this her first career double-double. She was named MVP after scoring 42 points and shooting 67.8 percent in the two games. Marchiano also had three blocked shots and three steals during the Tournament.

"The team played amazing," according to Marchiano. "We gelled together and worked really hard over preseason. Scotty Wood proved how hard we worked, everything is coming together. Everyone should have gotten that MVP because we all worked really hard at practice and all deserved it."

Risley agrees, "The team as far as our talent level this year is very high, everyone worked hard over the summer and came back ready to play for the new season."

When discussing their win against Widener, Coach Rohn said, "Winning the first game got a lot of the jitters and nerves out, it was nice to get it out of the way."

Another player tying a career high was Sophomore Becky Richmond, with 10 rebounds.

The team dominated the Springfield championship game, as they did against Widener. Risley scored 16 points early in the game leading the Mules to an early 19-9 lead. Muhlenberg held a double digit advantage against Springfield throughout the whole second half, never allowing them to take the lead, keeping Springfield to 30.8 percent shooting.

Besides scoring 16 points against Springfield, Risley also guarded Springfield's All-American and only allowed her to score 10 points on 4 of 15 shooting.

"Winning Scotty Wood was great for us," explained Head Coach Rohn. "Springfield was ranked 25th in the nation; it was a huge win."

Before leaving for Thanksgiving break, the team took a long trip to Juniata to play their first away game of the season. Although the Mules were down by 12 points at halftime, 36-48, they were able to pull together and win their third consecutive game. "It was a long trip to go on before the holiday. It was tough; there were many dis-

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Pro-America rally promotes freedom

Students and faculty join to support ground troops

Keynote speaker Senator talking with students about the importance of rallying troops. PHOTO BY MATT MEYERS

BY MATT MEYERS
Assistant News Editor

Last week the College Republicans organized a rally in Parents Plaza, calling it the "Pro-America Rally". The goal of this gathering was not to promote war, but rather to both support the armed forces in Afghanistan as well as other Middle Eastern countries, as well as show support for President Bush's course of action.

The rally was scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., but due to inclement weather it was delayed approximately 15 minutes.

The first to speak was Jon Kreider, a sophomore and the Vice President of the College Republicans. Kreider spoke of several American Prisoners of War (POWs) in Vietnam. He told stories of these men sewing together makeshift American flags and stitching them into their coats. Kreider went on to discuss the beatings these men endured for this patriotic gesture. He went on to say that they would do it again if necessary. In closing he said "you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world, you must remember our duty and honor to our country". This was then followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The only scheduled faculty speaker was Political Science Professor, Dr. Chris Borick.

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International Day of Action: World AIDS Day

Confidential testing and red ribbons part of Awareness Week

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

The theme for this year's World AIDS Day was "I care. Do you?" This slogan was chosen because it includes issues relevant to prevention and care to both genders and different age groups.

The College's RIBBON Project sponsored several events during World AIDS Week 2001 to increase awareness about the disease. In addition to organizing the events, the group sent red ribbons to students and encouraged them to recognize World AIDS Day, which falls on Dec. 1.

The RIBBON Project, an acronym for Remembering Informing Breaking Barriers Outreach Now, sponsored a blood drive and confidential AIDS testing on Thursday, Nov. 29. That night Diana Emmet spoke to students about AIDS and HIV. Emmet has been speaking since 1994 and was recommended to the RIBBON Project by Scott Fried, a past actor from *Guiding Light* who began speaking about his contraction of the HIV virus in 1992. Fried spoke at the College last year and is a friend of Emmet's. She offered students the story of how she became HIV positive and the misconceptions she had before she became infected. She also stressed prevention and answered a lot of students' questions.

On Nov. 30, students were able to talk with Emmet in Seegers Union. Later in the day there was a candlelight vigil in Egner Chapel. According to Sarina Ahuja '03, an executive board member of the RIBBON Project, the vigil was well attended. For World AIDS Day, the RIBBON Project held a benefit concert featuring of on-campus performers, with the exception of one act, where

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From milk to hungry children comes the Heiffer Project

BY LAURI CARBONE & REBECCA HAVILAND
Weekly News Writers

This semester students at the College have joined one another in raising nearly $5,000 for the Heiffer Project, an organization which provides income-producing livestock, training and related services to small-scale farmers in an effort to combat hunger worldwide. At the same time the program reduces poverty and restores environmental balance. Student interest in the Heiffer Project developed in response to the series of programs hosted by the Center for Ethics and Leadership this past September entitled "Hunger in the Midst of Plenty: Causes and Solutions." Nancy Grove, '02, and Julie Ziff Sint, '02 worked in conjunction with the Center of Ethics and Leadership Director Marjorie Hass and the Office of Community Service Director, Valerie Lane to boost this campus-wide effort. They have been pleased with the overwhelming response from campus organizations, students and faculty.

According to the organization's website, the Heiffer Project began in the 1930's when Dan West, a midwestern farmer and Church of the Brethren youth worker, began handing out cups of milk to hungry children during the Spanish Civil War. He realized that the afflicted would benefit more from the gift of a cow, and subsequently asked friends back home to donate heiffers, young cows that have

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A concert benifited the Heiffer Project, an organization that strives to combat hunger worldwide. PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

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National Research misleads students

Many students are familiar with the survey they filled out during high school, asking for such things as their name, address, grade-point average, race, religion and social views. Students are told that their names and profiles will be distributed to hundreds of schools around the nation to increase their exposure and increase their educational opportunities.

The organization that sends and supports the surveys is the National Research Center for College and University Admissions. Muhlenberg, to this date, has not ever used National Research for buying names. The survey's privacy statement says quite simply, "The responses collected are used by colleges, universities, and other organizations." This statement does not appear to be misleading but, unfortunately, this is not the reality. National Research sells its list to American Student List LLC for $800,000, helping fund the more than $2 million it takes to publish the survey. American Student List then sells the names to the "other organizations," including companies such as Gillette Co., American Express Co., Capital One Financial Corp., Sony Corp., Primedia Inc.'s Seventeen Magazine, and the Washington Post Co. unit, which is the nation's largest admissions test-coaching chain.

National Research has made themselves known recently by lobbying Congress to kill legislation that prohibits the collection of some student information. They send their surveys to 18,000 high schools in the nation, expecting 1-2% of them to be returned, building a database of more than four million students.

National Research uses a dishonest tactic to further the chances of their surveys to be returned, they send the surveys directly to the teachers and guidance counselors instead of the school principals. These teachers and guidance counselors, without extra pay to administer the survey, during school hours. However, while neither the College Board or ACT Inc. sell information to any commerical marketers, they sell names to colleges. They also both let students know exactly how their information will be used.

National Research has, through deception and trickery, fooled students into thinking their names will be given solely to colleges and universities, when in reality the surveys are being administered for commercial purposes. Dean of Admissions Chris Hooker-Haring, stated, "We don't use National Research for names, but we've considered it. I did not know until now that they sold names to commercial outfit." The College has not used National Research for the buying of names thus far, and now that the true nature of the company has been revealed, the Editorial Board of the Weekly hopes that the College will continue to refrain from doing so.

Letter to the Editor

A hearty thank you

To the Editor:

I'd like to extend my gratitude to the students, faculty and members of the administration who supported, tangibly and intangibly, this year's European Union (EU) simulation in Washington, DC this past week. Muhlenberg students continue to be a force to reckon with at the EU simulation in terms of their commitment to academic preparedness and their willingness to stretch and grow. Russ Choma is to be congratulated for winning the first award ever presented to a Muhlenberg delegation for his academic excellence for having his alter ego, German foreign minister Joschka Fischer, so well prepared and for remaining so thoroughly in character throughout the simulation. David Sobotkin was a sterling Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, and Carissa Illig did a grand job as the defense minister, Rolf Sharpening. And supporting all this was the numerous MEPs who generally politicked well in service to their parties in the EU.

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It is hard to realize that the simulation, now institutionalized in the form of the Mid Atlantic European Union Simulation Consortium and headquartered at Lynchburg College in Virginia, will celebrate its 10 year anniversary next fall. Those of us who take the students from the 15 delegate schools are keenly aware that this could not happen without support from other professors who release their students to attend. These students work long and hard all semester to acquire a "European mindset" and not the least our administration that has so often "found the money" that enables this to happen. My deepest gratitude to you all.

Lastly I want to thank Dan Dolan and Mathew Meagher-Walker returning from last year as MEPs and emerging this year as EU commissioners and incredible teaching assistants. Thanks, Guys!

Dr. Patricia McRae is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science.

Dance classes: Not given enough credit

Skye Bassett
Weekly Guest Columnist

On my most recent transcript it read "course units earned toward graduation 10.5 units," and it is that last .5 units that is the bane of my existence. The class, which I took to deserve such a miniscule .5 credit, was Beginning Modern Dance and I worked harder in that class than in any other class I took that semester. Not only do dance classes require strength, athleticism and endurance, but they also require you to do daily reading, watch films outside of class and write daily journal entries. For Beginning Modern Dance we had to read copious amounts of material on the history and development of modern dance and had to watch several movies in the library outside of class.

So what's missing? I ask this question to the Registrar and to the professors who teach dance because these classes we take for half a course unit do not require less work. In actuality, I think the fact that these classes require not only as much effort academically as many other full course unit classes here at Muhlenberg, but they also require the physical effort and ability to participate in class. Not only that, but we spend just as much time in class as we would say a Philosophy course, not to mention the time spent out of class practicing what we've learned and doing the academic work. The material we learn, through class and through the reading, is not a lesser subject to the material you would learn in other classes. So why do we get only one-half course unit for all this effort? I am beginning to think: is it really worth it?

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Of course it is worth it! If you love dance as much as I do and as much as many of my colleagues in the dance department the continuation of dance in College is definitely worth it. However, our effort deserves a little more respect. I personally have taken several classes here at Muhlenberg where the class was not writing intensive nor did it have more than one exam during the whole semester. Why do these classes deserve a full course unit, and dance classes do not? And what about the dance majors and minors? Do their dance classes miraculously become full credits when they declare? No. Dance majors are required to take sixteen total classes for their major, but they only get eleven credits. Not to mention the fact that most dance majors take far more actual technique classes than required to remain proficient in their field of study. This would be like telling a Chemistry major that, "we are going to make you take Chemistry I, but since we feel that you are doing less work than you would in Chemistry II, we'll only be giving you one-half course unit for this class."

Finally, dancers work hard in their technique classes; we don't spend the hour and fifteen minutes fooling around, we work just as hard inside of class and outside of class as many other classes at Muhlenberg that are one full course unit. Don't we deserve a little more credit, (at least .5 more)?

Being politically correct during the holidays

Rachel Kleiner
Weekly Columnist

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and along the festive moods and fattening foods comes the need for political correctness and cultural sensitivity. Have we as a society taken our well-meaning behavior to the extreme, or on the other hand, have we not gone far enough? It just so happens that three holidays that hold great significance to three different religions all fall during the same time of year. Christmas, which is on the 25th, Hanukah, which begins the night of the 8th and Kwanzaa, which is on the 26th, may arguably be one of the most important holidays in each of their respective religions or cultures. Because of this, many people feel as though the correct thing to do is acknowledge the holidays together and make sure that no one feels left out or alienated from the other groups.

The idea is a good one and the motive behind it is sound, but does it really hold a place in reality? If a person wants to say "Merry Christmas" to their friend, should they also be obligated to say "Happy Hanukah" and "Happy Kwanzaa" because of who else might be listening? It is one thing to be sensitive to other people's culture or religion, but it's quite another to over-compensate. Not all people need to be represented all of the time. Just because "Merry Christmas" is said most of the time that does not mean that the people saying it are slighting the other holidays, it just means that they are expressing their good wishes to another person. Does anyone expect those who celebrate Kwanzaa to exclaim "Happy Hanukah" just to be sure they do not offend anyone else?

On the other hand, all three holidays may be represented in words spoken but not necessarily in deed. How many people who seem to be politically correct on the outside really know nothing about the holidays they are speaking of? There may be an outer layer that looks as though we as a country have been making significant progress but the inner truth may hold a different story. I am not saying at all that these individuals are ignorant or do not want to learn. The truth of the matter is that our society focuses more on how things look from the outside than what is really going on below the surface.

While only focusing on including everyone around us we may lose sight of the message of the holidays: love and acceptance. It is important not only to acknowledge the presence of other religions but also to appreciate their significance and importance to all of us. Without the understanding the good wishes are merely hollow words that are put into place by a society focused merely on perception.

Regarding the news

Lucas Tomanelli
Weekly Columnist

In the Dec. 2nd issue of The New York Times appeared an article entitled "Afghans Say Civilians Are Imperiled by U.S," by columnist Tim Weiner. Weiner reports on the increasing civilian death toll as the hunt for Osama bin Laden continues just north of Tora Bora in Afghanistan. At least 80 people were killed this past weekend and an unidentified number were wounded. Weiner's piece is just one of numerous articles describing the rising civilian death tolls in Afghanistan, but this one demonstrates a valuable point. Although American and allied forces are making progress in seeking out those responsible for the attacks against the United States, we're getting sloppy, and as a result large amounts of innocent civilians are dying.

The anger of civilians towards American and allied forces has risen significantly since the recent bombings.

According to Pro-American Afghan Commanders, "bad intelligence" is responsible for the most recent bombings while Pentagon Officials say that, "The targets were Al Qaeda fighters in military complexes." Despite the military convictions that the recently-demolished targets were homes to Taliban and Al Qaeda forces, villagers reported that no terrorist groups were among them with the exception of a report that a group of Taliban foreign fighters had requested food, water and shelter from at least one village near Tora Bora.

As Weiner reports in his article, the anger of civilians towards American and allied forces has risen significantly since the recent bombings. Despite different statistics reported by Afghan officials, surviving villagers of the recent attacks claim that 200 of their loved ones and neighbors were killed in this past weekend's attacks, and that number will surely rise in the days to follow. In the days following the attacks of Sept. 11, a majority of Americans favored the idea of military action on Afghanistan, while others were reluctant to strike for various reasons, one of those being that thousands of innocents would be killed. Patriotic sentiments were high among Americans, and so the thought of killing innocents was either completely ignored or put on the back burner by those who were eager to seek out and terminate the Taliban. Now we've seen what careless military tactics can do, and so it's time to step back and reevaluate.

I hope for nothing more than to seek out all those involved in the attack on the people of the United States, and as long as those individuals were involved in the massacre of Sept. 11, I have no opposition to the execution of such terrorists. However, we've now gone beyond the realm of killing only those involved with the Taliban and Al Qaeda and are now killing innocent Afghan people that have absolutely nothing to do with the war on the western world. If military and government officials are absolutely certain that we're hitting terrorist targets, then those targets should be executed. However, with every bit of carelessness comes the cost of hundreds of lost civilian lives, and forget the fact that such errors will damper our image even more in the middle east. As one commander says, "It is like a crime against humanity." As we continue in our search for Osama bin Laden, military forces must remain aware that they're dealing with human lives and that targets should not be hit unless we are absolutely sure that the enemy can be found within.

The hiccups of life

Matthew Soffer
Weekly Guest Columnist

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes life seems so absurd. Whether we recognize it or not, each and every day of our lives holds innumerable moments, events and observations of absurdity. When we acknowledge these instances, we pause. In this pause, we interpret that particular occurrence in such a way that we say to ourselves, "Wow. Life is absurd." I call these moments the "hiccups" of our lives -- moments when, whether we like it or not, something inside of us causes a temporary halt. Then we move on. I write this column to highlight these moments, and in so doing, perhaps make life seem a little more ridiculous (as if it isn't enough).

Clearly, each observation can be explained, and my "sense-making" is easily refutable. But any attempt at explaining why something is the way it is does not remove it from the label, "absurd".

Yesterday morning, I bumped into a friend in Seegers Union. We had as brief a conversation as possible, yet something about it made me pause...and then laugh. "Hey man, what's up?" I said. "Good, how about you?" He replied. "What is up?" I ask; "Good," he says. Good is up. Or, less literally, is good "happening"? Clearly, that can't be the case, for as we all know, 9am conversations on this campus rarely involve claims that the world is a collection of "good". We wait for weekend evenings (perhaps

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Weekly Discourse: Final exam scheduling

Ample time to prepare or too rushed to study?

Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

Ahh. Dec. 7: the last day of classes. We have all been looking forward to this day for at least two weeks. All the class projects are finished, the term papers are turned in and the chapter exams have been completed. The only things left to think about are finals. Now imagine looking over your exam schedule and finding that you have four exams, but none of them take place until Dec. 17. That's right, you have two finals Dec. 17 and two Dec. 18.

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The finals term at Muhlenberg College is far too lengthy for students and faculty alike. The entire process takes twelve days from the end of classes to the end of finals. The worst part is that it does not even ensure that students won't have finals on back-to-back days, or worse yet, two finals in one day. Instead, what commonly happens is a student has two finals at the beginning of the week and then two more the last day of finals. When this occurs, the student is forced to spend an entire week studying for just one or two tests. This option may not sound so bad, as I know many students who would like to have a full week to study for their tests, but what usually happens is that the student ends up sitting around for a couple of days before she even begins studying for her exams.

I would like to propose two alternative solutions to the week and a half long finals process. I think the finals period ought to be reduced to a week. That way, students would not have to spend the extra weekend on campus and could go home to their families.

The first option involves adding an additional time slot per day to the finals process. That is, instead of having just a 9:00 a.m. time slot and a 1:30 p.m. time slot, we would have an additional time slot at 6:00 p.m. Granted, this would allow the possibility that a student would have three finals in one day, but the likelihood of that happening would be slim. I would also propose that if a student does have three finals within a twenty-four hour period, that he or she would have the option of rescheduling one of the finals.

The second option I would like to propose is that when we reduce the finals period to a week, we allow students to schedule their own finals. I recognize that this option presents a huge issue in that not all students taking the same exam would be taking it at the same time. Honestly, I do not know if Muhlenberg is ready to adopt such an extreme version of an honor code, but I feel as though if we did, we could not only shorten the finals period but increase student responsibility and accountability as well.

Having the finals term at Muhlenberg reduced to just a week would enhance the experience for everyone involved. Students would be able to return home in a timelier manner instead of spending idle, unproductive extra days at school. All faculty members would have a weekend over which to grade exams and prepare final semester grades for the registrar. The finals period would be less drawn out and more efficient for everyone involved.

Dr. John Sullivan
Weekly Guest Columnist

The question of whether the College gives too much or too little time for completing final exams is interesting because the answer may depend upon whether you are a faculty member or a student. Here are a few scenarios, and some of the pitfalls they entail:

Scenario #1: Shortening Finals

As a faculty member, I can honestly say that it would be wonderful to have students complete their final exams in three or four days, which would allow professors to give students' performance on these exams more thorough and careful consideration. Students would all go home early for the holidays, and the faculty members would have the time to really think about a student's overall work and learning during the course, (oh, and the faculty would have more time for the holidays as well!). There is a serious downside to this scenario, though -- students would have to cram all of their test-taking into these few days, taking at least two final exams per day. Aside from the added stress this would cause many students, would this kind of compacted schedule allow students to best demonstrate their knowledge? Probably not. This leads us to consider another option.

The only change in the current system that I would advocate is preserving the weekends as "exam-free" time.

Scenario #2: Lengthening Finals

What if the final exam period were stretched out over a two-week period? The major benefit of this system is that, potentially, students would have much more time in between individual final examinations. There are some strong positives here, because the expectation would be that students would be able to perform better if they were under less stress. For faculty members, a definite benefit is that there would not be the necessity to schedule final exams on Saturdays. This is a burden on many faculty members, particularly those who are the primary caregivers for their families and children. (Those who doubt this should try finding child care on a Saturday sometime.) But beware, there are some strong negatives here. Imagine if a student had her first exam scheduled for Dec. 5th and the last one on Dec. 17th. She and her peers would try everything in their power to take the last exam(s) early, making the whole system of extended finals worthless. In addition, this would make semesters only 14 weeks long, cutting into all of the wonderful topics that faculty members can teach! Since this is clearly no good, we are left with only one possible plan.

Scenario #3: Keeping the Status Quo

Given the problems outlined above with the first two scenarios, the current system seems to preserve some of the benefits of Scenario #2 without stretching out the exam period too much. The only change in the current system that I would advocate is preserving the weekends as "exam-free" time. This gives students a breather and does not put a strain on faculty members. Is this a compromise for both students and faculty members? Sure it is, but this system allows students to perform better and faculty members to accurately evaluate students, getting us all home in time for the holidays.

Rebecca Stein
Weekly Guest Columnist

With one week left of classes to go, final exams are rapidly approaching. With all of the demands placed upon us, be it our daily psychology readings, our copious statistics problems and those endless lit papers that never seem to cease, we are in desperate need of more time. As it is, I don't know how I even found enough time to write this article, being that I have laundry in the dryer, a half-eaten bagel in front of me, and the unsettling reality that I have at least nine more hours of reading left, and that's just for this evening alone.

As a stressed out and frustrated individual, I'm sure most of the student body could relate. With classes scheduled for Friday, that leaves us only two full days, Saturday and Sunday, to write any required term papers and study for exams that begin on Monday. While I would like to prepare for my exams, I believe the limited study days that are given to us are an insufficient and unreasonable amount of time for the average student to thoroughly review an entire semester of information for all of the courses that they are enrolled in. What's even more stressful is the notion that even though we have only two days to prepare, we are expected to hand in quality term papers or to do really well on exams that will credit for a large portion of our course grades. After conversing with numerous friends who attend other schools, I have discovered that most of the other universities and colleges have at least one or two weeks set aside for students to study and prepare for their exams. Not only are these extra days allotted for studying, but their professors are available to answer any questions or concerns that they may have as well. I believe that if Muhlenberg provided its students with one or two extra weeks for exam preparation, then those students who truly wish to succeed and do well in their classes will significantly do much better on all of their exams.

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Thursday night for seniors) to make such silly claims. But I digress. The pause: I paused and thought about how very meaningless his response was. I have always held that the purpose of language was to communicate ideas. So what idea does this reflect or communicate? As a response to this puzzling and pathetic interaction, I offer the college community, the City of Allentown, and the English speaking world at large the following key:

"What's up" then "nothing", "something" or any other response that is, in fact, an answer. If "How are you", then "good", "bad", "attractive", or, again, any other response that is, in fact, an answer.

Here is the governing rule: If you don't exactly know how to respond to an everyday greeting, even though it takes no brains at all, it may be best to simply induce vomiting. That'll answer the question.

Matthew Soffer is a senior.

For applicants, SAT scores optional

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

Muhlenberg's admissions policy that allows applicants to withhold SAT and ACT scores has been in place since 1996. Applicants who take advantage of the option must submit a paper with a teacher's grade and comments, as well as have an interview during their senior year of high school.

According to the Dean of Admissions, Christopher Hooker-Haring, the College decided to implement the optional reporting policy for four basic reasons.

First, the College believes that standardized tests are becoming a national obsession and too much emphasis is placed on them. Second, they feel the tests are an unfair judge of performance in that students can be coached to get higher scores and not every student can afford to receive professional tutoring. Third, high SAT scores correlate as much with family income as they do with future academic success, so they are not the best predictor of college performance.

Also, the SATs have been found to be demographically driven with certain groups obtaining higher scores than others. For example, females on average surpass males in classroom performance, however they usually score 40 to 50 points lower on the SATs.

On average, African-American and Latino students receive lower scores than whites.

The College is not alone in implementing this policy. Hooker-Haring said that over 300 colleges nationwide, including many highly selective colleges, allow students to withhold their standardized test scores.

In Pennsylvania, Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall College and Susquehanna University have similar procedures. Out of state, Connecticut College has an SAT optional policy. Bates

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 26 – Harassment – One student harassed another in Taylor Hall.

Nov. 27 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm went off twice at 2442 Tilghman Street. The smoke detector was replaced.

Nov. 27 – Vandalism – A pick-up truck parked on Liberty Street had its driver side rear view mirror broken off.

Nov. 27 – Harassment – An ex-friend harassed a resident of Walz Hall over the telephone. The caller will receive a letter from Campus Safety.

Nov. 27 – Hacker – A student's AOL screenname was hacked into. America Online had no explanation.

Nov. 27 – Theft – A student had their credit cards stolen in the Ettinger building.

Nov. 27 – Theft – A woman reported that her purse was stolen in GQ. She later received a phone call from a person who found her pocketbook, it was returned with all contents.

Nov. 28 – Theft – A suede jacket and two books were stolen in GQ.

Nov. 28 – Terroristic Threats – A student threatened a faculty member. The student was referred to the Dean's office.

Nov. 29 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm went off at the TKE fraternity house, no cause was found.

Nov. 29 – Theft – A faculty member had money stolen out of their office in Trumbower.

Nov. 29 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm in the basement of the Commons Building was triggered by dust.

Nov. 29 – Injury – A student fell in the Trexler Pavilion and injured their leg.

Nov. 30 – Vandalism – A student car parked off-campus had its rear windshield smashed.

Nov. 30 – Noise Violation – The Allentown police cited a student residence at 310 North 22nd Street for excessive noise.

Nov. 30 – Theft – Posters reading "Emergency Relief for Afghan Refugees" were stolen from Seegers Union.

Dec. 1 – Trespass – There were four unauthorized persons skate boarding at the Trexler Library. The students were asked to leave.

Dec. 1 – Alcohol Violation – A non-student was cited in the Prosser Hall fire lane for underage consumption of alcohol. He will receive a letter of trespass.

Dec. 1 – Alcohol Violation – Underage students were found to be drinking at a SPE party. The students were referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 1 – Alcohol Violation – A student stole a wristband (which signified 21 and over) at the TKE fraternity house. The student was consuming alcohol and will be referred to the Dean's office.

Dec. 2 – Alcohol Violation – Underage students were cited for consumption of alcohol at the TKE house.

Dec. 2 – Vandalism – Writing was found in the West end stairway of Martin Luther Hall.

Dec. 2 – Reckless Endangerment – A student

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Lights and garland

This year, holiday decorating becomes a contest in all residence halls

By Lauren Wiesner
Weekly News Writer

Kate Scalzo, an RA on the first floor of Prosser Hall shouted, "Who wants to decorate?!" Residents soon joined her in the hall to cut out snowflakes and wrap doors in preparation for Winterfest, the holiday decorating contest being held for all dorms on campus. Judges will tour the decorated dorms tonight at 9 p.m. to decide on winners of the contest. They will be looking for creativity, style, theme and pizzazz.

Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), Winterfest will award one floor per hall with a $100 prize and one overall campus winner $200. Any RHA member can judge the contest.

Students began decorating their halls several days in advance with creative ideas spurring from their teamwork. "My hall has lights up in almost every room, and we even have talking decorations," exclaimed Erin Fixler, a Walz Hall resident.

"This is our first time doing the whole [holiday decorating] thing," explained Heather Vant Hoogt, president of the RHA, and RA for third floor Prosser Annex. In previous years, hallway decorating contests were limited to Halloween. This year in

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Above: A door in Walz Hall covered with garland for the contest tonight. Students said decorating their hall was an ideal study break.

Below: The study lounge in Walz Hall displayed Hanuakah and Christmas decorations this past week for the Winterfest contest.

Photos by Matt Meyers

Operation Enduring Freedom

Tuesday, December 4
Afghan factions were making a final drive Tuesday night to put aside two decades of war and choose a broad-based government, including an interim prime minister, to lead the shattered nation before free elections.

Monday, December 3
U.S. aircraft bombed targets near the last Taliban stronghold in Afghanistan and a suspected mountain lair of Osama bin Laden on Monday as Afghan factions meeting in Bonn neared agreement on sharing power. Rival Afghan factions meeting in Germany reached agreement on Tuesday on a U.N. text to establish an interim post-Taliban government, but had not yet decided who would fill the posts, a U.N. spokesman said.

Sunday, December 2
Rival Afghan factions meeting in Germany made progress toward setting up a new, interim government for Afghanistan on Sunday as U.S. bombers and ethnic Pashtun fighters pounded away at Kandahar, the Taliban's last bastion in the war-shattered country. Grueling talks on forming a post-Taliban government for Afghanistan entered an intense seventh day on Monday as rivals tried to tease out a compromise on a U.N. draft accord to establish an interim administration.

Saturday, December 1
Weary Afghan factions appeared close to agreeing on a power-sharing deal at talks in Germany on Saturday as U.S. Marines and Pashtun tribesmen dug in for what could be a desperate and bloody battle for the Taliban's last stronghold of Kandahar. U.S. bombers and Pashtun tribesmen clawed at the Taliban's last bastion of Kandahar on Saturday as Afghan factions appeared close to a power-sharing deal.

Friday, November 30
The United States focused its hunt for Osama bin Laden on the caves of eastern Afghanistan on Friday as tribal warriors closed in on the last redoubt of his Taliban protectors in Kandahar in the south. The White House said on Friday it was premature to send internation peacekeepers into Afghanistan, calling conditions on the ground "fluid and dangerous

Thursday, November 29
A top leader of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda guerrilla network has been captured, a senior U.S. official said on Thursday, and the Pentagon claimed Taliban control over their troops has been fractured.

Wednesday, November 28
The foreign minister of Afghanistan's militarily dominant Northern Alliance said on Thursday it would be flexible about allowing foreign peacekeepers into post-Taliban Afghanistan.

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Campus Safety Notes

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was arrested after hitting a Campus Safety officer on bicycle with his automobile.

Dec. 2 – Disorderly Conduct – A student in Prosser failed to comply with an RA. The student was referred to the Dean's office.

Dec. 2 – Vandalism – Two shrubs were removed from the East quad.

Dec. 2 – Vandalism – A lamppost in the rear of the Center for the Arts was knocked over.

Dec. 2 – Vandalism – A Tremont Apartment building resident had his car egged and dented.

Dec. 2 – Hit & Run – A student's car was hit in the Martin Luther Hall parking lot. Red paint was found on the student's bumper.

Dec. 2 – Disorderly Conduct – A Prosser Hall resident failed to comply with Campus Safety. The student, Anthony J. Diliberto was arrested.

SAT optional policy

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and Bowdoin Colleges in Maine were two of the pioneer schools in applying the optional reporting in their admissions process, according to Hooker-Haring.

Hooker-Haring said that Robert Atkinson, with a background in educational testing, has recommended that the universities in California offer an option that allows students not to have to provide their SAT I scores. With his endorsement, the policy may be taken seriously and gain strength.

If applicants who choose not to submit their SAT or ACT scores are accepted, Muhlenberg asks them to provide the scores afterward for research purposes.

Whether applicants give their scores before or after the admissions decision is made, the College places the most emphasis on their high school record, extracurricular activities, application essay, teacher and counselor recommendations and interest in the institution. To be eligible for merit based scholarships, however, the College requires that applicants submit their standardized test scores.

Hooker-Haring said that currently about 12 percent of the applicants to the College decide to utilize the policy, which means that 88 percent still submit their scores in the traditional manner.

For the 12 percent, however, the policy was an attractive factor for them; and Hooker-Haring said that some of those students would not have applied to the College if they were forced to give their standardized test scores.

The tragic events of September 11 have not seemed to have an effect on high school students' decision to apply to the College. Hooker-Haring commented that as of November 21, the College had a 4 percent increase since last year's record applicant pool.

He said it appears that American students are moving on with their lives as the College's office of admissions is doing with a regularly scheduled decision process.

OFF CAMPUS

Bethlehem -- U.S. Steel Group is in talks to buy Bethlehem Steel Corp. and at least two other rivals to form a huge domestic steel company. The consolidation plan would require help from the government to assume some pension and health-care costs and remove antitrust hurdles. The plan would also need a labor agreement allowing reduced employment, reduced operating costs and increased productivity, Bethlehem Steel said. It has begun such negotiations with United Steelworkers of America.

Whitehall Township -- A two-mile stretch of Route 22 that includes the MacArthur Road and Fullerton Avenue interchanges and the Lehigh River bridge in Whitehall Township has the most severe needs and will be the first section tackled in the Route 22 Corridor improvements. "That section sticks out like a sore thumb," said Donald Lerch, assistant district engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. "It's the most complicated to solve." The center section will be done first, and work on other sections will continue out from the center with the stretch between Hecktown Road and Route 33 done last, he said.

Emmaus -- Elevated levels of lead discovered in the tap water of four Emmaus homes have prompted borough officials to notify all users that their pipes could be leaching the heavy metal.

Officials on Friday mailed a four-page notice to 4,600 households in Emmaus and Salisbury and Upper Milford townships informing residents of the dangers of lead, especially to young children and pregnant women, and offering ways to get water tested and avoid exposure.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudly	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudly
High: 57 Low: 32	High: 52 Low: 32	High: 51 Low: 31

Supporting AIDS Day

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they collected donations to benefit AIDS Africa.

In addition to the planned events, the RIBBON Project had a table set up in Seegers Union all week where members handed out information pamphlets about AIDS and HIV, as well as prevention devices such as condoms with instructions.

World AIDS Day began in 1988 with the goal of bringing messages of compassion, hope, solidarity, and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world. The idea for an international day of action against AIDS came from the World Summit of Ministers of Health, which suggested in January of 1988 that AIDS prevention programs be put in place to open channels of communication, strengthen the exchange of information and experience and promote social tolerance. Today, World AIDS Day receives support from the World Health Assembly, the United Nations system, governments, communities and individuals around the world.

The red ribbons people wear demonstrate their concern about HIV and AIDS and remind others of the need for their support and commitment. Although the ribbons are worn year-round, more people wear them around World AIDS Day to support efforts for a cure and heighten awareness.

Weekly profile: Denise MyGlynn

The hat lady sells her wares

By Cheryl Wortzel
Assistant News Editor

Denise McGlynn, more popularly known at the College as "the hat lady" has worn many hats in her life and about three years ago she decided to sell them for a living. McGlynn, a resident of Allentown for the past 15 years, traveled and lived all over the country before settling here. As a bartender, she worked and lived in many places, among them The Thousand Islands, Arizona, Idaho and Atlantic City.

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>
> Denise McGlynn

McGlynn is now able to devote all of her energy to her products and has been coming to Muhlenberg to sell them for the past two years. She tries to set up her stand in Seegers Union at least three times a year. The business has been so successful that McGlynn also goes to Kutztown University and Cedar Crest College to sell her art, and hopes "to go to more schools. I am slowly expanding", says McGlynn. "I love coming to colleges to see what kids are doing. We have fun." The hat lady doesn't take her art seriously. She explains, it is to make people laugh and smile. She likes helping people find hats, try on and ultimately give them something she made that can "change their whole mood". "I don't feel completely dressed if I am not wearing a hat," remarks McGlynn.

McGlynn is most famous for her hats, although the mirrors she sells are a close second. She explained that the mirrors are the most fun to make, but the knitting is her favorite thing to do. She finds it deeply relaxing.

In the warmer months, McGlynn finds the hats are still the most popular seller when she tries to sell them made of lighter material, often using jute (a natural fiber), hemp and cotton, rather than wool. Aside from the hats, McGlynn sells scarves, bags, bowls, mirrors and painted rocks among other things. McGlynn has had a lifetime of practice making her art. "I am a child of the sixties. We all made our own clothes, and I just never got out of that mind frame. I've always made my own clothes and hats, and I wanted to share that."

Denise McGlynn says she doesn't take her art seriously. Instead, the hat lady creates art to make people laugh and smile.

Photo by Matt Meyers

Heiffer Project feeds families

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not yet borne calves, so that families could help themselves. The movement has grown over the past six decades to help families in 115 countries. This has enabled other families to become self-sufficient by providing them with one of their gift animal's female calves, according to the principle of "passing on the gift."

Grove and Sint originally began planning for the campus fundraiser during last spring semester through discussions of preparations for the Hunger series with Hass. They decided to take an integrated approach to the hunger issue. Sint says that they, "wanted to learn and actually do something helpful." She and Grove began contacting students and faculty as the semester drew to a close. The two found that the cause was embraced by several organizations. During the fall semester the College hosted to a variety of events including Hillel's Track and Feed, MTA's Marathon Theater and the recent student band concert hosted by Asian Student Association. Additionally, collection tins have been located at Java Joe's over the course of the semester. According to Lane, many groups have participated by donating a portion of the proceeds from their annual fundraisers to the Heiffer Project, while still retaining some profits for their own organizations, thus enabling many organizations to participate without compromising their own interests. "Everyone just bought into it in their own way," Lane says.

According to Grove, the cause "has the potential to really bring the campus together because the issue and the organization touch on so many different issues within the issue of hunger." "It has been a tremendous flow of energy.

Everyone can get involved and stay involved," Sint adds, "we were just the catalysts".

Student Council holds student body meeting

By Wendy Eichler
Weekly News Writer

In order to encourage more overall student participation in the Student Council, the Council held a student body meeting, presenting eight different committees that are active on campus. The chairperson of each committee gave a report reviewing the past accomplishments and future goals of their respective committees, as well as encouraged students to become active members.

Student Body President Elias Saratovsky began the meeting by welcoming the students and council members, and followed by introducing each chairperson.

Chris Titze, Chairperson of Council Operations Committee, began the committee reports with a description of how the committee constructed two new constitutions for the Anthropology/Sociology club and Psychology Club. Next, Academics Committee Chairperson Brian Bentzen reviewed the success of the voting registration drive and the mayoral candidate presentation. He mentioned future projects that the committee would be involved in, including work on OIT reform to improve the network and online registration. Seth Williams, Chairperson of Athletics Committee, described a student-athlete formal and faculty-student fundraising softball game presently in the works. Next, Campus Awareness Committee Chairperson Ari Abramson described the specific job of the committee to act as a direct line between student council and students. Michael Saratovsky then spoke as Chairperson of the Campus Safety Committee. He described the Committee's role as a way to improve Campus Safety's role on campus, including instituting a car boot for illegally parked cars with unpaid parking tickets exceeding $200, installing a speed bump near the new residence dorm, and adding new call boxes in dark areas on campus. Treasurer of Student Council Christina Coviello then spoke as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, describing its role in allocating money to the various clubs and organizations on campus. Next, Chairperson of the Food Committee Josh Brookstein delineated the committee's goals, including the introduction of new foods in the General's Quarters and Garden Room, reintroduction of the Red Door and a possible coffee cart inside Trexler Library. Lastly, Efram Abrams spoke as Chairperson of the Renovations Committee, explaining the plans to renovate Seegers Union and other responsibilities of the committee.

> *"If you're not in student council, you're encouraged to join these committees."*
>
> Elias Saratovsky

Following the Committee Reports, council members discussed project updates, as well as future goals of the student body. Updates included information about the Student Council website, possible establishment of a shuttle or taxi service for the transportation of seniors over the age of 21 to Senior Pub Nights, a faculty-student mixer and prospective addition of computers to Seegers Union and the Center for the Arts.

Saratovsky concluded the meeting by addressing the students, "if you're not in Student Council, you are encouraged to join these committees" and encouraging new members to attend Student Council meetings every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor Haas conference room.

Sorority wins big at drive for blood(LIFE)

In the Red Door last Thursday, students donated units of blood to help the Miller Blood Center.

PHOTO BY MATT MEYERS

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

In order to get the College community involved in a good cause, a contest was held rewarding the group who collected the most units of blood at this past week's blood drive.

"We had a very successful drive," said Valerie Lane, Director of Community Services.

Sixty-eight individuals registered to donate, which was the maximum amount that could be fit into the time frame allotted. Forty-seven units were collected in total, while twenty-one were deferred. The blood collected gets donated to the Miller Blood Bank.

"This is considered a very good drive," said Lane.

Students Diana Bharucha and Sarina Ahuja '03 coordinated the efforts for the day.

"They are amazing leaders and did a great job putting it [the drive] on," said Lane.

Many groups were involved in the drive in order for it to run smoothly. Members of the RIBBON Project helped to set up the event and TKE brothers helped to clean up.

Alpha Chi won the $100 prize for having the most donors.

College Republicans present a forum

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Borick began by discussing the events of Sept. 11. He spoke of the unification of Americans in the wake of a major tragedy, and also said, "in many ways it was expected." He specifically cited the American flag as something that is not only bringing people together today, but has also done so throughout America's history. Borick called the action of placing a flag outside of your house or on your car as "a very superficial act". He went on to say, "America goes much deeper than raising a flag and singing a song." He emphasized the importance of all Americans to become involved in the democratic process and said that this was the "true" way to show support.

State Senator Charles Dent was the keynote speaker for the rally. Before introducing Dent, Eric Wert, Chairman of the College Republicans, addressed the crowd, and shared the clubs' reasons for organizing the gathering. "We're not pro-war, we're not against any peoples or countries ... we just want to show our troops wherever they are, that we support them." After the Senator was introduced, he spoke for approximately 15 minutes. He called today "one of the most difficult times in or nation's history".

The rally ended with a 20 minute student open microphone session. During this time, students were able to voice their own concerns and opinions. The rally gave hope to those supporting ground troops in Afghanistan.

Jon Kreiter, Vice President of the College Republicans speaking at rally.

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Inspector suggests campus safety improvements

By Matt Meyers
Assistant News Editor

Several weeks ago Director of Safety and Security at Nazareth College, Lee Struble, paid a three-day visit to the College. Struble has made a career of visiting colleges and assessing their security departments. As of now Struble has visited approximately 12-15 small colleges and universities. He is hired by these institutions to make viable suggestions to departments in order to enhance their capabilities.

During Struble's visit here, he spent much of his time inspecting everything from the lighting of parking lots to holding meetings with students and campus safety officers.

During the faculty and student meetings, he handed out questionnaires to campus safety officers containing questions on topics such as "the officer's satisfaction with work environment, to their pay". After spending Thursday night with the officers, Struble held a similar meeting with the RA staff. These students were also given a survey that asked many questions relating to subjects ranging from lighting around campus to attitude of the person answering the phone.

After that, Struble held a similar small meeting which was attended by several members of the College's Student Council. During this session a wide range of questions were asked and several suggestions were made. Much of the discussion revolved around the manner in which officers respond to incidents, suggesting they can be very inconsistent. Student Body President Elias Saratovsky said, "Sometimes [officers] overreact to situations," something that Struble noted.

During this meeting Struble also shared some of his findings and ideas to make the Campus Safety Department run smoother and more effectively. One of the ideas he had was to take the responsibility of transporting students to places such as hospitals, and writing parking tickets away from academy trained safety officers and hire part-time help to manage these tasks.

The goal would be to allow more of the officers to be on patrol at any given time and to ticket illegally parked cars throughout the day as opposed to only at certain times. Another suggestion that Struble made was to increase the wattage of the bulbs in the emergency blue lights around campus. Making somewhat of a joke out of the fact that the current bulbs are a mere 25 watts.

The Campus Safety Department will receive a complete report of Struble's findings before the end of the semester.

Short of activities for next semester?

Consider writing for the Weekly News section!

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A study break for December decoration

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addition to the Halloween contest, the winter holiday competition will encompass all residence halls on campus and cover all religious holidays of the season.

A few rules apply for the contest: ceiling decorating must be removed within 24 hours of the contest, only temporary decorations are permitted and no flames may be used. Halls must sign up for the competition by filling out a participation form that is due the day of the contest.

> *The decorating comes at a good time for students looking for a break from their studies.*

The decorating contest brings residents together. They play holiday music and design their decorations with each other. "I already feel closer to people," claimed Madeline Hoak, a Prosser Hall resident.

The decorating comes at a good time for students looking for a break from their studies. "Being the week before finals, decorating the hall was a great way to relieve some stress and bring us all some holiday spirit," explained Lauren Britton, '05.

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"THE LESS ROUTINE
THE MORE LIFE."

-AMOS BRONSON ALCOTT

The timeless French tale of "Love and Chance"

life! *review*

Emily Kreider '02 and Erez Shek '03 fall in love in last weekend's production of The Game of Love and Chance.

PHOTO BY MARILYN J. ROBERTS

BY AUDREY NEDDERMANN
Weekly Staff Writer

Entering the handsome Baker Theatre to view *The Game of Love and Chance* (translated from the French, *Le Jeu de l'Amour et du Hasard*) the first thing that struck the audience was the lavish set overwhelming the stage. Scenic designer Edgar DuPont allowed no detail to be spared for this production, and the result was the creation of a truly enchanting space. The audience was easily drawn away from the troubles of the current world and transported to the bustling home of a French aristocratic family in the early eighteenth century.

Though the setting and ornate costumes are very different than those that we surround ourselves with today, the struggles of the characters in the play to find the person that will love them unconditionally is a universally understood situation. That is why the main theme of the

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Question of the Week: *What is your New Year's Resolution?*

"Why bother? No one ever sticks to them after the month of January anyway."
-Ally Turk '04

"To lose forty pounds."
-Rob Uniszkiewicz '04

"To stop procrastinating."
-Meghan McInnis '03

"I don't believe in making New Year's resolutions. I try to work on improving myself all year long."
-Abbi Sharofsky '04

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MCTV surges with student talent this fall

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

Even though our school is far away from the high tech editing studios and the big-shot tycoons that conduct so-called "reality TV," aspiring talent here at Muhlenberg has brought us some much needed comedic relief from the sometimes serious atmosphere. In recent weeks, MCTV has aired two up-and-coming student-produced shows that have enthralled our friends, frats and faculty.

One ambitious talent, first-year student and intended communications major Mitchell Cooper, takes on the role as a David Letterman spoof, creating a production in the late-night show format, with sidekick Ryan Kavalsky (who claims he's doing the show just for fun), guests, interviews, funny segments and all. For the past two years Mitchell has hosted and produced a high-school version of the show that now has hit the 'Berg. He feels his experience in the production room and in front of the camera can provide him with the vital tools necessary to actually become a late-show host.

Basner reviews his creation, *This Show*, in his dorm room.

Photo by Ben Patton

On this coming Friday night, Mitchell and Ryan will be filming the next installment of their project, called *Muhlenberg Tonight*, and all are welcome to participate as an audience member in Seegers Union at 5:30 p.m.

Returning for its second season, Senior Communications and Psychology double major Dave Basner's sophisticated creation, *This Show*, combines television journalism, crazy interludes through the kitchens of our beloved Garden Room and less-than-candid questioning of random students and faculty alike on Academic Row. Dave Basner and his friend Gabriel Nathan, a senior Theater major whose newly published book *For a Tin Star*, is now available in the 'Berg book store, perform on camera what most people hesitate to do in front of a mirror by themselves.

Reserved, calm and contemplative off-screen, Dave and Gabe lash out in the presence of cameras and embellish in intelligent mockery displaying Muhlenberg's campus in a new light -- stomping grounds for Basner's comedic intellect. *This Show* is structured much the same way as any news magazine show, like *60 Minutes*. Each of the show's segments focuses on some aspect of this campus, like the lavish yet noisy tour of the new dorms or welcoming several random, and quite surprised freshmen in Prosser Hall with tiaras, cake, balloons and noisemakers.

Reminiscent of *The Tom Green Show*, Basner's compilation of skits impose upon the often sullen college life and provide humor in its simplest and most enjoyable form. By manipulating and surprising people to elicit human response, Basner actively engages the entire campus in his humor. With excellent editing and very original ideas, *This Show* embodies a refreshing sort of

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Dealing with final exams

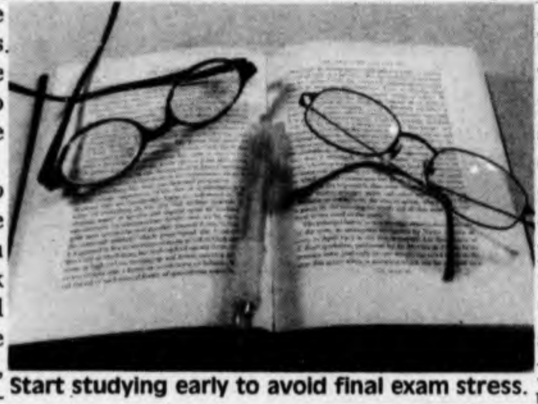
Part three of a three-part series on how to cope with stress

By Jessica Skrocki
Life! Editor

Tomorrow is the last day of classes, which means students all around campus will be out celebrating. But everyone will have that nagging voice in their heads, reminding them of the upcoming week and a half filled with final exams. Don't worry: you can still have fun before you go back to living with your parents for a month, as long as you prioritize. Here are some common traps students fall into during the exam period, how to avoid them and reduce stress.

"I don't know how to start studying." Make a list of everything you have to do. If you break down your workload into smaller, more manageable pieces, you'll feel less overwhelmed. Go to review sessions if your professors offers them, or work out a study group with some classmates. If everyone pools their questions, you may hear some that never even occurred to you. Begin a week or so before the exam, studying an hour or two each day, and slowly increasing that time as the exam approaches.

"There's too much to remember." Organization is the key. You'll remember the information better if you have it organized systematically. Write chapter outlines or summaries and emphasize the relationships between sections. Create diagrams, using different colored pens to draw connections between topics. Be a little artsy.



Start studying early to avoid final exam stress.

Photo by Jessica Skrocki

"The material is so boring that I'm going to fall asleep." Get actively involved with the text as you read. Ask yourself questions about what you're reading and underline the answers. Don't read passively; you'll miss important points. Read out loud if you have to.

"No, really, I'm going to fall asleep." Context is everything. Set yourself up at a desk with bright lights as if you're really taking an exam. The greater the similarity to the test setting, the greater the chance you'll remember the material. Do NOT study in bed. You'll only be tempted to close your eyes, and before you know it you'll wake up with yellow highlighter all over your face. If you really feel the need, take a 20-minute power nap (don't forget to set your alarm).

"The only way I can study is if I stay up all night before the exam." The night before the exam is when you'll need the most rest. Get all your studying done at a decent hour, and then don't think about the exam as you fall asleep: your mind will need a rest. This also applies to study breaks. Take some time throughout your studying to unwind, mentally and physically. You should be fully rested on the day of the exam, and don't forget to eat a balanced meal.

Of course, these study tips are more easily said than done. But with a little motivation and self-control, your exam period can go smoothly. Then there's a whole five months until you get to go through all of it again.

Marathon Pickowicz performance

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Production Editor

The atmosphere in Seegers Union was altered on Tuesday, Dec. 4. As students filed in from class, their rooms and off campus, they had the pleasure of hearing music when they walked through the doors. This pleasant music was coming from Muhlenberg's own pianist, Nate Pickowicz. Curious students wandered over to the couches to hear originals like "Girl's Best Friend" and covers like "Piano Man," by Billy Joel. Pickowicz was not there for an hour or two; he actually performed a marathon concert for all to enjoy.

Pickowicz played for six hours doing six sets with little breaks in between. "Around the fourth hour my voice got a little tired, but I was impressed by how well it held out," said Pickowicz. There were anywhere from three to thirty people listening to the concert at given time, not to mention the people hearing Pickowicz as they were passing through the Union.

When asked how he came up with the idea for this event, Pickowicz responded, "I wanted to do something different." He approached Becky Grace and asked if this type of event was possible. She thought it a bit strange that Pickowicz wanted to play for six hours, but she obliged and planned the event as she does many across campus.

Another reason why Pickowicz decided to have this concert was to promote his first album, "True to You." The album is available at the 'Berg Bookstore or from him personally. Pickowicz has a long history of performing concerts at the college. "Usually I only get to play for my friends," said Pickowicz, "but this concert was different because I was able to have my professors, administrators and even people who don't know me hear my music." Another reason why this concert was different from others was how Pickowicz used his energy. "Most concerts I give one hundred percent for the full hour and a half, but for this concert I had to conserve my energy. I made sure to drink a lot of water and try to stay relaxed," commented Pickowicz.

The concert was a success and gave Seegers a new feel. It was fun to be able to walk in and hear Pickowicz's melodic voice resounding among the passing students, faculty, staff and visitors.

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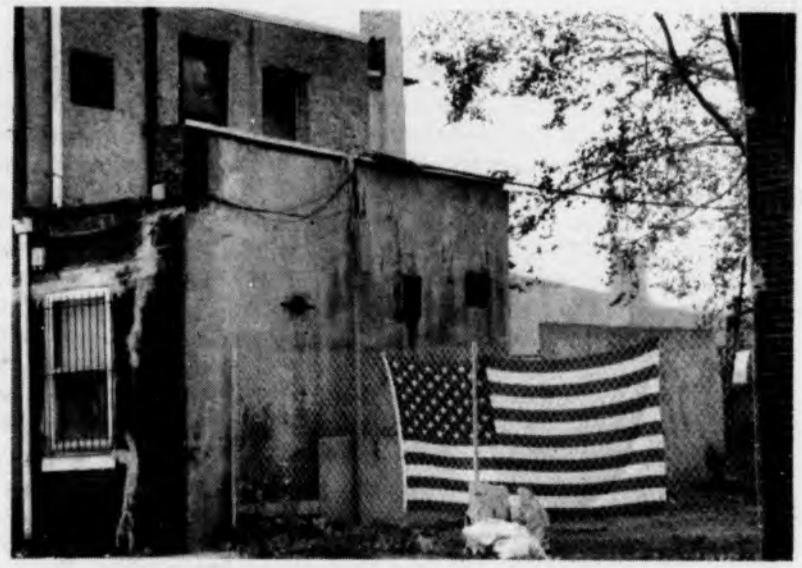

"North Philadelphia," by Liz Katz '04

Perspective, by Chrissy Culotta '05

Does a little sapling always know that it
will grow into a big, strong tree?
Or does it grow through a large portion of
its existence pondering its role?
Are we isolated as the only intelligent
beings that seem to have no
intelligence at all
Do we spend time worrying and pondering
rather than existing?
Wasting so much time on seemingly selfish
emotions that only affect our
near-sighted interests
When the struggles in creatures both large
and small face hardships that
many of us could never even harbor the
thoughts of, we are considered
superior
We're too wrapped up in prime-time television or who's toping the charts
this week
WE take so much for granted
We trust that the sun will rise every morning and the seasons will change
Yet, fall apart when a lover strays or a glass
of milk spills
WE have such a narrow perspective
Our very being is made up of ingredients
that scientists label and decipher
in a remote lab, and are part of a universe that is calculated in no
tangible, or understandable system

WE just don't realize

Somehow we think that the repeated patterns of history will pass us by
That our superiority can surpass the evolutionary pressures that have wiped
out dominant presence in the past
Are we that indispensable?
As just another interactive being can we
not be replaced at any minute by
another one of the six billion of earth's
inhabitants?
Do we really deserve as much credit as
we so generously allow ourselves?
Who is truly unique?
Is there in fact anyone that we absolutely
could not live without or find a
substitute for?
Or as the Earth, do we adjust to what
fits?
Are the virtues we impose on ourselves
just denying the inevitable or are we
protecting ourselves from ourselves?

18th century comedy still rings true today

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play, that love ultimately triumphs over status, has been a pervasive theme in theatre, literature and film throughout history.

Written by the French dramatist Pierre Marivaux in the early 1700's, the excitement of the plot comes from the confusion that arises when the young Sylvia changes roles with her servant Lisette in order to better observe the true nature of Dorante, the man she is to marry. Little does she know that Dorante has had the same idea, for he exchanges attire with his servant Harlequin before coming to meet Sylvia. After much discourse and many misconceptions, each character's true nature is revealed to the others and all ends on a happy note.

During scenes where the lovers interacted with each other, Director Francine Roussel made the interesting choice to have Sylvia's father Orgon and her brother Mario appear upstage of the actors and mirror their movements with marionette puppets that they controlled. This device emphasized how much the lovers were manipulated not only by Orgon, but also by society, whose rigid ideas about class these characters thrust aside in favor of true love.

Most of the laughs in this play come not only from the outrageous circumstances the characters find themselves wrapped up in, but also from the very humorous physical comedy that occurs, especially between Dorante and his servant, Harlequin. Philippe Levesque '02 as Dorante and Erez Shek '03 as Harlequin demonstrated an incredible aptitude for performing slapstick routines. Shek in particular had the audience in stitches as he stumbled about the stage.

Slapstick comedy was a very important part of Commedia dell'Arte, a type of improvisational comedy that developed during the 15th and 16th centuries in Italy. Marivaux drew heavily from the characters and situations of Commedia dell'Arte material in his plays. The character of the devious servant Harlequin, for instance, was one of the first and most frequently used in Commedia dell'Arte.

Again attesting to the actors' proficiency with physical comedy was a short silent scene added in by Roussel to establish the basis for the relationship between Harlequin and Lisette, who in the text only appear on stage together after they have already fallen in love. This scene proved to be perhaps the most hilarious part of the production as Harlequin and Lisette failed miserably at their attempt to eat a proper dinner. Also extremely enjoyable was the duel between Mario, played by David Bish '03, and Harlequin. The sword fight allowed the audience to live vicariously through the characters, for how often in our own lives do we wish we could bring our inner conflicts and arguments out in the open with something as thrilling as a duel?

One of the reasons Marivaux was so important as a dramatist is because of the revolutionary way that he portrayed women in his plays. One would not expect to see a woman speaking her mind so openly in a play from a time period when women were expected to be the subservient property of men. In this play, however, Sylvia is shown to be an intelligent female character that has the power to decide for herself who she wants to marry and to voice her concerns about marriage. Alison Shipps' '02 strong portrayal of Sylvia appropriately stressed the intelligence and unyielding determination of this rare character to make sure that Dorante was the right man for her.

Emily Kreider's '02 depiction of the unrefined Lisette avoided taking the character to a place where she became the stereotype of the dull-witted servant girl and instead made it clear that any shortcomings were due to the fact that she was not born into a privileged class. Kreider's uninhibited Lisette created the perfect contrast to the serious Sylvia. Both actresses have been nominated for an Irene Ryan award for their performances.

The idea in this play that a simple alteration of a costume can so drastically change who a person is and who they are expected to love is an idea that leads us to question our ability, even in the twenty-first century, to mistakenly place our faith in superficialities and stereotypes. Marivaux's concern for the liberation of women is also still a very relevant theme in our society today. The recent appearance on campus by the Guerrilla Girls, who call for fair and equal representation of women in the art world, illustrates the continuous need to recognize the power of women. The direction of Roussel, a native of France herself, demonstrated a great knowledge of Commedia dell'Arte and French social culture that was indispensable in making this production a game played well by all.

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Aries
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Taurus
Go with your heart — or your gut — when it comes time to make a tricky decision. This is a deeper issue than you're used to dealing with, so instinct's the only way to go.

Gemini
Lighten up, Gemini, and get ready for this: You can't always get what you want! Be grateful for what you already have and take what you can get.

Cancer
Open yourself up, reclusive Cancer. That's the only way you're going to get what you want out of this life. This is a time for overcoming old fears about expressing yourself; be assertive!

Leo
No, Leo, the whole world is NOT against you. In fact, many people are quite in love with you, so don't be so hard on yourself. Toughen up.

Virgo
You may have taken on more than you can handle. Don't stress out, though. See if some of your friends can help you out. They are more than willing to lend a hand right now.

Libra
You'll find that your stress level will drop considerably if you don't worry about the big bad future for a little while. Hang with your friends and get your mind back into the festive holiday mood.

Scorpio
Have you been avoiding some of deeper concerns lately, Scorpio? You love secrets, but don't keep any from yourself. Dig deep; there's nothing to fear if your heart is true.

Sagittarius
Make sure you're working with the right people for this project. Any unnecessary tension could cause a serious, tangled-up mess. Don't waste your time trying to sway someone to your side; you've got allies already.

Capricorn
The homefront is kind of hectic, and you're stalking the travel websites 24-7. Travel is good, but you should stop wishing you were somewhere else, Capricorn. Deal with your present circumstance first.

Aquarius
Stop beating yourself up over a disappointment. This is just a phase. Remember this as you move forward and deal with the mess that's staring you in the face.

Pisces
You've been walking the straight and narrow for a while now, Pisces. You've got the good grades to prove it. Now's the time to shift paths and have some fun. Don't look back.

Courtesy of www.astrology.com

The new trend: kick-boxing

By Joslyn DeLancey
Weekly Guest Writer

The last week of classes has finally arrived, and as relieving as that may sound, it is also the week of ten-page papers, semester long projects, all-nighters in the study lounge and just plain old stress. With stress surrounding us from every corner many choose to turn to vices as a way to avoid the work that they have been putting aside until now. While some may turn to smoking, others to binging on Ben and Jerry's and others to their computers for another thousand games of Snood, another great way to get out your built- up stress is the kick-boxing class at the Martial Arts Academy on 19th and Allen streets.

Not only is this class fun, and a great means of exercise, but also a great way to take your mind off classes, papers and dreaded final exams. This class is a pure adrenaline rush and a great cardiovascular workout. You can forget about that research paper that you are waiting until tomorrow to do by going to an hour-long class which allows you to punch and kick a bag until you are grief-free. It is a great energy booster with healthy benefits. Not only do you get to take out your stress, but you also work your stomach, arm and leg muscles in about the same time that you would spend at the gym. You can take your friends, or go solo if you just need a break from everything having to do with school.

Many Muhlenberg students have already participated in the classes, which are offered multiple times a week. Junior Christina Loffredo says, "I definitely love kick-boxing. It's a tough workout and very intense, but it's an outlet for me. Getting in shape – that's an added bonus as well!" These classes can be a great way to take your mind off of the end-of-semester blues, and help pass the time until you finally get to go home. If kick-boxing still isn't for you, then eating Ben and Jerry's, reading *Harry Potter* or watching *Friends* are highly recommended.

Reality shows on MCTV

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comedy that is duly needed right here on home turf.

Contrary to popular belief, Basner and Nathan claim themselves to be quite reserved when the camera is shut off. Both pride themselves on not drinking, and they say that being on film is the release, the "loss of impulse control," that so many people in college seek in a bottle of alcohol. Such fun is also at the expense of tons of hard work and technological difficulty.

According to Basner, the time that is put into *This Show* cannot be measured in hours, but rather in days. Both are involved in filming endless hours of footage, editing film and the task of publicizing the show with flyers all over campus, each with individual quotes. Because of the prodigious amount of time that the two spend on the show completely independent from academic studies, so far only one episode per semester has been aired. The first one aired exactly one year ago.

Deriving motivation from shows like *20/20*, *The Daily Show* and even a little from MTV's *Jackass*, Basner sets out simply to make people laugh and get a good communication base on the campus. They get both fan calls and angry viewer calls, but as Basner seems to enjoy them, all calls are welcome.

Dave Basner and Mitchell Cooper have set up an amazing starting point for their future endeavors. Along with working internships at Philadelphia's alternative radio station Y100, WB17 news, the *Regis and Kelly Show*, and stints on ABC's *The View*, Basner hopes to do stand-up and follow in Jerry Seinfeld's footsteps in becoming the star of his own sitcom.

In a few years, we might all say with pride that we knew Dave Basner, Gabriel Nathan, Mitchell Cooper and Ryan Kovalsky in their days of, as Basner says, "antiquated technology." They may have already made you a local star in our very own shows about nothing.

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Hanukkah - An eight-day festival celebrating a miracle that took place at the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BCE. The Syrians who had occupied Jerusalem defiled the Temple by erecting a statue of Olympian Zeus in the Holy of Holies. After the Maccabees (Hasmoneans) defeated the Syrians in war in 165 BCE, they rededicated the Temple. Finding only a small cruse with enough oil for one night, they lit the eternal flame in hope, and the oil lasted for eight days until a new supply of oil could be purified for use. The candelabra used for Hanukkah is a "hanukkiya" and has eight or nine branches -- one for each night of the holiday, and usually, one for the master-candle that is used to light the others. This design distinguishes it from the seven-branch Menorah. In 2001, Hanukkah begins on the evening of Dec. 9.

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By Kelly Anne Robertson

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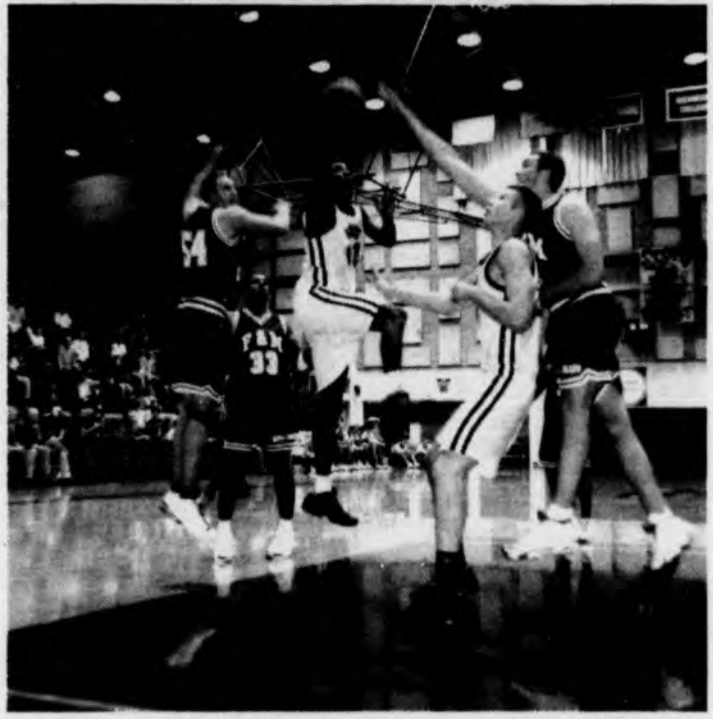
Lesko reaches 1,000th career point against USP



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Junior Toomey Anderson goes up for the lay up against F & M. Anderson has stepped up on offense this year for the Mules.

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Lesko also had eleven rebounds and a career-high five steals. Anderson has been an integral part of the Mules' offense this year.

Playing Moravian for the second time this year, the Mules once again were defeated by the Greyhounds. The Mules and the Greyhounds played evenly throughout the first half and the Mules led by one point at halftime, 38-37. Moravian came out after the break on fire though, and opened up a 65-46 lead with just over nine minutes to play. The Mules attempted to erase the deficit by going on a 16-0 offensive run and by tightening their defense, but the Greyhounds drained seven free throws in the last five minutes to extend their lead to double-digits.

Anderson provided the bulk of the offense for the Mules as he finished the game with a career-high 22 points. "Toomey is doing a good job for us," said Madeira. "He needs to continue to take more leadership and be more vocal in running the offense."

Anderson and fellow classmate Anthony Strachan both contributed seven points during the Mules' run, but it was just not enough.

The Mules' defense did tighten as they did not allow a single Greyhound field goal in the last nine minutes of the game, but again, it was simply not enough. The Mules fell to Moravian for the second time in as many games.

Women's basketball wins

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had ten rebounds for her third double-double this season. Baran had five assists and no turnovers against Franklin and Marshall.

The women's team continued their undefeated season as they beat non-Conference opponent Susquehanna on Monday. All 14 players on the Mules' squad not only played in the contest, but also scored. St. Lawrence once again led the Mules in scoring with 15 points. Baran added 14 points of her own, breaking her previous career-high of ten points.

The Mules' 87 points marked the most points they have scored as a team all year. Other Mules having career-high days were Freshman Elizabeth Bryant with eight points and Sophomore Amber Nelson with ten rebounds. Muhlenberg led by eight points at the half, but opened up the second half with a huge 17-4 run to break the game wide open. The Mules have off from now until Jan. 3 when they host the University of Scranton.

Profile of the Mule

Freshman Pete Lankarge entertains the crowd

BY BRIAN TALBOTT
Managing Editor

Many students have often wondered who is the person behind the warm, cuddly mule they often see at home games. Well, this year that person is Freshman Peter Lankarge, a resident of Glastonbury, Conn.

Many people might ask, "Why on earth would a freshman want to dress up as the school mascot?" Well, for money of course. As a baseball player, Lankarge was at the football games with the rest of the team raising money for their training trip over spring break, working as an usher. "It was actually kind of random how I came to the job. Megan LaRose came up to me during the second home game of the season and asked if I wanted to dress up as the mascot for that game, as Ben Leisawitz was unable to come. And from there on out, for $30 a game, I was the mascot."

A philosophy major, Lankarge at first didn't want to come to visit Muhlenberg, "Who would ever want to play baseball as a Mule?" However, his mom really liked the name of the school and he gave into pressure and did come to visit when he came down to see Lafayette. He really liked the school and the team and decided to apply.

"The first game I did, I dressed for the weather, which was pretty cold that day. I was sweating buckets," said Lankarge. "From then on, I wore mesh shorts and a wifebeater."

When asked what his favorite part of the job was, Lankarge responded, "Well, there are several things. I get to act like a big jackass, both literally and figuratively. I get to shake hands with all the little kids and I have a good time flirting with all the girls. The best part is they have no idea who I am."

Expect to see Lankarge at upcoming basketball games later this season, but only on one condition. "They have to raise the pay. It's way too hot inside that costume to work indoors."

Intramural sports increasing at the 'Berg

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Weekly Sports Writer

Sig Ep versus the men of First Floor Prosser? Independents versus PKT? Alpha Chi versus the women of Fourth Floor Walz?

Well, in the world of the College's fast-growing Intramural Sports Program, competition of some athletic form between these groups is likely to occur.

Led by Track and Field Head Coach Brad Hackett and Seniors Kate Laufer and Alex Epstein, the intramural sports program is very much alive and kicking. Even with six sports to choose from, (football, soccer, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball and coed softball), the number of students participating in the program is nonetheless truly astounding.

Over twenty percent of the student body played intramural sports this semester, with the majority of the participants playing men's and women's basketball. Also, "There has been an increase [in student participation] each of the last two years. Based on the numbers this fall, I anticipate an increase this year as well," expressed Hackett.

After a year and a half of participation in intramural sports program, Sophomore Russ Miller, a Sig Ep brother, continues to be a huge fan. "Even though it's very competitive, it brings the campus together, brothers together. It is a great way for the freshmen to meet those in the upper classes. Also, it's a great outlet for stress" he stated.

Some intramural participants view it as an alternative to club or varsity sports. "I love intramural sports. They give you an opportunity to be active athletically. It is not nearly as much of a time commitment as a varsity or club sport. The games are competitive but not too competitive. Plus, there are no grueling practices," commented fellow Sophomore Justin Deutsch who, like Miller, has been participating in intramurals since his first semester freshman year. Deustch's classmate, Lisa Cavicchioli, echoed his belief about the advantage of not having to play varsity or club sports, by saying "It's great that they [the College] offer[s] something for those who don't want to play varsity [sports]."

Cavicchioli, like Miller and Deutsch, has been involved with intramurals since the start of her freshman year. However, unlike the two men, Cavicchioli also officiates and has seen her share of irresponsible Mules who do not show up for competitions. "You need people who are going to show up and take it seriously. People sign up but don't show up. As a player and ref, it stinks when that happens" she stated.

There are some intramural participants who treat their games though their livelihood was at stake if they do not win. This aspect of a participants personality, is not always shared by all participants. Sophomore Matt Katz, commented that "Some people take intramural sports too seriously and they forget intramurals are supposed to be fun."

Overall, "intramurals are dependent on what you make of them," commented Laufer.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

At the Petrofes Invitational, held at Messiah College, Junior Nate Yeasted and Sophomore Josh Carter both earned top-four finishes to lead the Muhlenberg wrestling team to a seventh-place finish. Yeasted finished third. After losing to Yeasted's 5-1 record at the tournament included a pin and a major decision and gave him 51 wins for his career. Also earning places for the Mules were Freshman Jeremy Hart (sixth at 133), Junior Joe Salerno (sixth at 157) and Freshman Dylan Moulton (eighth at 141).

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Men's basketball loses to Moravian for second time

By Sarah Niebler
Assistant Sports Editor

After dropping its Centennial Conference opener on Saturday, the men's basketball team looked to recover against local rival Moravian on Tuesday night. However, against the Greyhounds, the Mules were defeated again. Despite a second half run, the Mules' effort was not enough as they succumbed to Moravian, 68-74.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the University of the Sciences, Senior Mark Lesko needed 22 points to score 1,000 points for his career. Lesko finished with exactly 22 points as the Mules won the game by the final score of 64-57. Lesko's lay up with just over a minute left in the game gave the Mules the lead 58-57 and his three-pointer a few seconds later gave Lesko his 1,000th point.

Not only does Lesko lead the Mules offensively, but he is also working on improving his defensive skills. Head Coach Dave Madeira said, "Mark's defense is getting better and better. It has really improved this season; it's more aggressive."

Besides the offensive efforts of Lesko, the team defense is what propelled the Mules to their third win of the season. The Mules held the University of the Sciences (USP) to just 20 of 58 from the field, a 35% field goal shooting percentage. More importantly than the percentage though is the fact that the Mules held USP scoreless in the last 1:35 of the game and had a school record of 15 blocks. Lesko and Junior Aaron Holden contributed four blocks apiece for the Mules.

In their Conference opener at home, the Mules fell to undefeated Franklin & Marshall in a game that was tight the entire way. The Mules just barely missed upsetting F & M for the fourth time in ten years. F & M is currently ranked in the top ten in the nation.

The Mules got off to a slow start as F & M scored five points at the onset of the game. The Mules quickly recovered, however, and kicked it into high gear as they rattled off 12 unanswered points of their own. The Mules led by as many as ten during the game, and appeared to have the game under control with just under four minutes to play. They went up 60-51 with 3:50 left in the game, but then the defense seemed to collapse.

The Mules were outscored 15-3 down the stretch and ended up losing the game, 63-66. With just 29 seconds left, F & M All-American Alex Kraft hit what would become the game winning three-pointer. The Mules had two more possessions, but turned the ball over on the first and managed to get off just an off-balance three-point attempt to end the game. Madeira said the outcome of the game was disappointing because, "We had them on the ropes."

The Mules did control the majority of the contest as they held the Diplomats 14 points below their Conference leading scoring average, but it was simply not enough. The Mules also out rebounded F & M, 37-29.

Offensively, Lesko once again paced the Mules with 20 points, making this the 28th straight game in which he has scored double-digits.

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Women's basketball starts 7-0 for the first time since 1975

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's basketball team has added four more wins to this season's undefeated record: Elizabethtown (80-63), Moravian (68-64), Franklin & Marshall (77-55) and Susquehanna (87-58). This is the first year since 1975 that the women's basketball team has gone 7-0; they also set the school record for 13 consecutive home victories.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Sophomore Erin DeVaney drives to the hoop. The Mules have won 13 consecutive games at home.

On Tuesday against Elizabethtown, the Mules took an immediate ten-point lead, and continued to dominate the game by constantly being ahead by at least five points. Muhlenberg forced 30 turnovers and out rebounded Elizabethtown 48-32.

Sophomore Becky Richmond had her second straight double-double against Elizabethtown. She ended the game with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore Susan Marchiano scored 22 points. For the second time this season, she passed the 20-point mark with 10 field-goal attempts. Marchiano also had nine rebounds and four steals.

Senior Lindsay St. Lawrence, scoring ten points on two three-pointers, is now tied for third place on Muhlenberg's all-time list with 66 career threes.

Sophomore Amber Nelson tied a career-high with eight points. Junior Randi Baran also had career highs in the game against Elizabethtown, with seven assists and four steals. She also scored six points.

The Mules continued their winning streak on Thursday against Moravian; this win was their first win at Moravian in the past 11 games.

During the close second half, where the two teams stayed within six points of each other, the Mules pulled it together and with about three minutes left in the game. They came back from being down 62-60 to win by the final score of 68-64. Following Richmond's foul shot to take the lead, Marchiano converted on both ends of a one-and-one with 1:48 left in the game.

The Mules continued to dominate the last minute and a half of the game with a steal by Baran, leading to St. Lawrence's lay up to add to the final score. Muhlenberg held Moravian to 33.9 percent shooting from the field; Moravian also did not have a field goal for the final 4:50 of the game.

St. Lawrence had 15 points against Moravian, as well as a career-high seven steals; Senior Jenn Risley had a career-high six assists.

The women continued their strong play on Saturday against Franklin and Marshall, a team who has received votes in the "d3hoops.com" National Division III poll. Franklin and Marshall was the Mules' first game in the Centennial Conference, and with the win, they moved to 1-0 in the Conference.

F & M has had an 18-6 all-time lead against Muhlenberg. Last season, F & M played twice at Muhlenberg. The Diplomats won the regular season game, 68-61, while Muhlenberg won the Centennial Conference playoff game, 57-40.

In the first half, the Mules forced 22 turnovers. At halftime Muhlenberg led, 39-28, and kept a double-digit lead throughout the second half.

St. Lawrence and Freshman Gwen Doyle made seven of eight three-point attempts against the Greyhounds. Doyle scored a career-high 11 points in the game, and helped an offense that did not score a field goal during the first five minutes of the game. St. Lawrence and Risley led five players in double figures with 14 points each.

Sophomores Jill Friedman and Richmond each scored ten points; Richmond also

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Final exam changes

New policy shortens final exam time

By Wendy Eichler
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Beginning next fall, the Academic Policy Committee's proposal to shorten the final exam schedule will be put into effect. The approved proposal alters the way the final exam schedule is structured in order to avoid exam conflicts for students. The present meeting time-based exam scheduling method was replaced with a schedule-based method, in which the Registrar plans optimal individual final exam schedules for each student. The new examination period is compressed to three examination periods per day, as opposed to two, which reduces the number of days required for exams from seven to five. The new policy retains the same three-hour examination time period.

Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty and VP of Academic Affairs, is very pleased with the new policy. "It is not only neater, cleaner and simpler than the old system, it more accurately reflects how we teach and learn and how we evaluate these days." Dean Dretsch referred to the fact that many final exams that students take are not all three-hour comprehensive and cumulative exams, and therefore a seven day exam period is not compulsory.

The Registrar will plan the individualized schedules after the completion of the add/drop period, once schedules are permanent. This prevents students from learning their final exam schedules until after classes start. However, all finals will be scheduled only Monday through Friday of the week following the last week of classes. The Friday after classes end will be reserved for culminating experiences in classes that have a performance component. In addition, denoting the Saturday and Sunday after the last week of classes as study days provides increased study time and respects different religious observances.

Dr. William Abruzzi, a professor in the Sociology and Anthropology Departments, likes the idea that the exam period is shorter because not as many students would go home and return to school to take exams. He also says that the new method makes sense, because students take only four courses compared with five at other schools, and "with fewer courses, there is less need to drag it out in terms of conflict."

The new method of constructing the final examination schedule allows students

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Women's hoopsters break winning streak

Basketball still nationally ranked, but out of the top ten

By Shannon Solheim and Jenny Diamond
Weekly News Writers

The women's basketball team's impressive 13-0 winning streak was shattered by Swarthmore on Saturday. Swarthmore is presently the highest ranked team in the conference. The women's team holds the record this year for the best start of a season in the College's basketball history. They also made Muhlenberg history by being ranked among the top ten nationally.

The team's success is the result of much more than dry talent. "The record and success comes from the work that the girls have done since August. [Basketball requires] tremendous physical condition and commitment. This team embraces a 'team first' concept. There are no stars; we share our success," says coach Ron Rohn, who is new to the College athletic staff this year. Despite the team's great success, the women try to keep a level head. They maintain the same goal they had at the start of the season, which is to win the Conference and go to the NCAA tourna-

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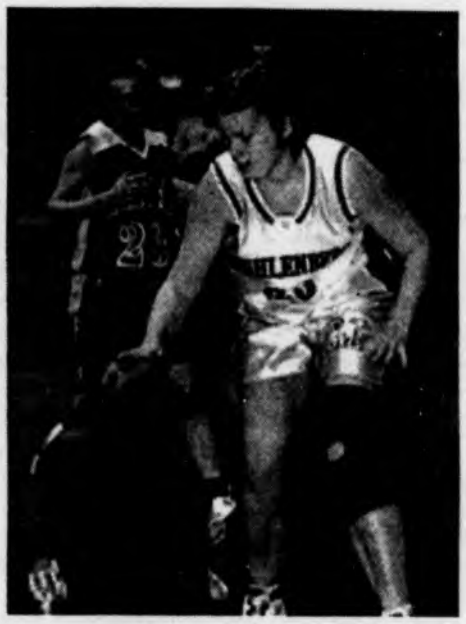

Sophomore Becky Richmond.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information Website

New applicants strive for places in the Class of 2006

Data from Admissions Office indicates highly qualified applicants

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

After the College experienced six consecutive years with record numbers of applicants, there were concerns that fewer students would apply to be part of the class of 2006 than in previous years. The current numbers, however, indicate to Dean Christopher Hooker-Haring that the College may experience a seventh consecutive record year.

On Dec. 27, the admissions office had 43 fewer applications total and 45 fewer early decision applicants than the previous year at the same time. But by Jan. 18, there were 52 more total applications and two more early decision applicants than last year, making the total number of applications received 2,948, with 483 of them being early decision. Hooker-Haring believes that if the number of applications continues to increase as it has since late December, the College will add an additional consecutive year with a record large applicant pool.

During the six-year record run, the total number of applications at the College increased 50.5 percent. Hooker-Haring commented that there may not be another college in the U.S. with that type of record growth. He also believes the slowing economy may be impacting the number of applications the College receives for the class of 2006.

According to Dean Hooker-Haring, not only has the number of applicants to the College increased, but the qualifications of applicants have also improved. Hooker-Haring said the admissions staff is impressed by the depth of quality of this year's applicant pool. In previous years, the College was rated "very selective" by most of the ratings in guide books, but those books now rate the College "highly selective." A contributing factor to the increase in quality that Hooker-Haring pointed out is the College's higher ranking in the various books. One question that cannot yet be answered concerns applicant interest in Muhlenberg, as opposed to other colleges and universities. Unless students apply early decision, the admissions office cannot tell if the College is their top choice or if it is farther down on their list.

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One indication of a stronger applicant pool is the list of other schools the College's applicants apply to. The top ten overlapping

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New final exam plan examined

Although the new student schedule-based final exam scheme will reduce the current final exam period, which has been perceived as far too long, a number of valid questions remain. The first, and perhaps most pressing, is who shall this new policy affect adversely?

It has become clear that the adopted proposal from the Academic Policy Committee (APC) impairs the preparation of the two groups who should never be affected in such a way: the most diligent students at Muhlenberg, and those with learning disabilities.

Under the new plan, the final exam period is shortened, and with that the days in between exams-crucial days of caffeine-induced all-nighters where Trexler Library becomes more of a home than one's own residence. The APC and the faculty who voted in favor of the proposal are under the impression that the lion share of students at the College execute a mass exodus to their home, returning the day previous or even the day of the exam.

While, of course, this is true for some students, there are many others devoting nearly every waking moment to academic study in the hope of attaining mastery in the subject matter of the given semester. The text of the adopted proposal lists as rationale that: "Students may take a final exam eleven or twelve days after the last class meeting, with a lot of dead time in between." As mentioned above, while some vacate the premises, the two groups that make use of the eleven or twelve days to prepare-the most conscientious students and those with learning disabilities-are hereby hindered from meticulous preparation for final examinations.

Turning towards the College's students with learning disabilities, such members of the College Community are being stripped of precious time to achieve their goals of academic excellence. Moreover, with exams scheduled in three sessions per day (see page one), with a maximum of two exams per day leaves open the potential for two back-to-back exams with only a thirty minute respite in between.

Despite the fact that the final exam schedule is perhaps too long, the proposal submitted by the APC and adopted by the faculty is one that impedes the academic performance of the two groups that should never be adversely affected from such a proposal: the most industrious students at the College and those with learning disabilities. It is clear that the new final exam design will penalize those two groups who benefit from, if not thrive on, the eleven or twelve days between the last class meeting and final exam.

Regarding the news

Lucas Tomanelli

Weekly Columnist

One of the first images to come to mind after the World Trade Towers tumbled on Sept. 11 is the photograph of the three New York City fire fighters struggling to erect an American flag from out of the ruins of ground zero. In this past Sunday's issue of *The New York Times*, an article appeared by Tracie Rozhon entitled "Casting Civic Pride In A Utopian Mold." In the article, Ms. Rozhon illustrates how, in an effort to create the first monument commemorating the events that took place on Sept. 11, a developer proposed that a statue be made based on the above-mentioned photograph with one change. The three white men depicted in the photograph would become multiethnic; there would be one white, one Hispanic and one black man all working together to raise the American flag. The idea of using artistic expression as a means to express hopes for a racially unified future is one that artists should frequently practice. However, to alter the statue in any manner would be to portray the event that the original photograph was based on as something that it's not -- racial relations in America -- thus losing focus on the photograph's original purpose to show the unbreakable American spirit.

However, racial relations aren't what's at issue here, and that shouldn't be the purpose of such a memorial...

The statue proposal comes at a time when Americans continue to deal with the historically rooted difficulties of racial tension in America while also trying to find our way out of the chaos and horror of Sept. 11. The racially inflicted problems within the United States such as economic inequality, voluntary segregation between members of different races and racially motivated stereotypes are clearly all issues that demand attention. These conditions have undoubtedly improved over time, and as Americans we should continue doing our part in closing the racial gap. However, there comes a point when the public must question whether some people's efforts in one cause are going to take away from the intended purpose of another. If the memorial is altered in any way, thus putting the focus on anything other than the patriotism and good will of the American people, that is exactly what will happen.

The purpose of such a memorial is to commemorate the lives of those that were lost, and those that risked their lives -- and in many cases, lost them -- to save others. Once the trade towers collapsed, three New York City fire fighters who just happened to be white climbed over the rubble to raise the flag of the United States, and the photograph of those events taking place has come to serve as a symbol of America's undying patriotic spirit. If the statue were created with alterations of any type then it would be straying from the purpose of conveying the good will and selflessness of Americans to help others in times of

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Our money's worth: selling the college experience

Elizabeth N. Raupers

Weekly Columnist

My high school years included a small budget, (movie tickets, clothes, and CDs), and were expended without pondering the large amounts of money American adults pay for most services. It took me two years, and several drops of my jaw, totaling up book expenses at the 'Berg Bookstore to really start questioning the nature of the product that 2100 Muhlenberg students employ for four years. Obviously, a great part of the experience is dependent on the behaviors and attitudes of the student, but what exactly is the college responsible for in providing this marketed experience? It's no shocker that "the college experience" has become a product, readily paid to millions of Americans desirous of a higher education. This ultimately leads one to a weighty question: are we getting our money's worth?

Most of college life can be divided into categories, the first being academics. I can honestly say that I have been satisfied with the offerings of Muhlenberg College in terms of majors, minors, scholarships, attentive professors and classes that educate rather than train. Many classes have forced me to embrace uncharted subjects and to ask new and provocative questions. However, one of my gripes with this area springs from falling down the hard stairs of the Haas building at early morning hours while trying to stay awake to register for classes. Welcome to the twenty-first century, Muhlenberg College! Have a seat, turn on a computer, and register online.

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Part two of the bought experience is the activities. Concerts, movie showings, craft and art stands and 104 student organizations get my thumbs up. My passions have been met in many of the accessible organizations at Muhlenberg College, and I am proud to stand behind my respective tables at activity fairs. Parties are lacking, smaller and more exclusive, and this is no fault of the students who are terrified of being busted or bothered. There are significantly less partying options because the campus is suspicious of situations as ridiculous as fifteen students watching a movie without the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a Friday night. Large groups are soundly investigated and dissolved at the possibility of alcohol consumption.

Part three relates to common comforts. Students needed housing options, and housing responded with new dorms. This beats packing students in crude quarters. Also, many Muhlenberg RAs actually take their jobs seriously and care about the well-being of their residents. Muhlenberg is well kept and clean for the most part, while some college campuses are eyesores, embarrassing to students and faculty. Parking, however, is not at all convenient; it is clear that our vehicles are not welcome, which is a pretty underhanded way of containing the campus (not happy about my investment here).

Am I getting my money's worth? These thoughts are just a few of the innumerable aspects of the college experience, all of which need to be considered and compared to the thousands of other schools in America until the price is right.

New Year's resolutions at their worst

Jordana Trencher Jaffe
Op/Ed Editor

Has anyone noticed the recent crowds around Muhlenberg's campus? Suddenly, finding a table in the Garden Room for lunch is near impossible. And breakfast, the once-forgotten meal, is now an apparent priority for many students. Why is this, exactly? Why have my friends and I had to rethink our meal schedules in order to evade the overwhelming hoards of people that congest Seeger's Union during mealtimes? Have students suddenly decided to consistently eat three meals a day? Since when is there a line outside of the Garden Room that extends to the student information desk? Even the gym is busier than ever. Over the past week, waiting ten minutes for a machine is no longer out of the ordinary. And yet, I predict that within the month, crowds will lessen, freeing more exercise machines and opening up more Garden Room tables and GQ booths. In my mind, these recent crowds can be accounted for in three words: New Year's resolutions.

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It is only customary every Dec. 31 to take some time and list those ten things that you'll somehow do differently this year. Lose fifteen pounds. Stop smoking. Start meditating. But somehow, after some time, you can no longer resist that chocolate chip cookie, and the untouched pack of cigarettes is calling your name. In fact, New Year's resolutions are very seldom kept, since so many people set unrealistic expectations for themselves. They want to exercise every day, and yet once they miss a workout, their resolution suddenly evaporates. This explains how resolutions often stay the same year after year.

The recent behavior of Muhlenberg students may also be explained by this New Year's resolution phenomenon. We are all trying to take better care of ourselves. We're going to the gym more often, trying to somehow wake up for breakfast and perhaps even eat three wholesome meals a day. While this behavior is undoubtedly admirable, it is in one way or another causing fire hazards. Therefore, while in an ideal world, we will all keep with these newly adopted proclamations, for the sake of calm meals and available treadmills, hopefully they will soon be broken. And in all likelihood, as previous years have shown, the next weeks will bring less crowded weight rooms and more vacancies in Garden Room tables.

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Sequels are just redundant redundant

Evan Halperin
Weekly Columnist

Over the past several years it seems that film directors have lost touch with what people really want in a movie. In today's society people seem to accept a second, third and even a fourth saga to their favorite flicks, but why? Aren't people getting bored of these sequels that aren't really as good as the original? Sure some are not terrible, but overall they are tedious and an utter waste of money. For instance, anyone who saw *Scream* was probably entertained and maybe even scared, but who saw *Scream 2*? And wait; what about *Scream 3*? As far as I'm concerned, the whole Wes Craven saga got a little old after the first *Scream*. When will directors learn that people want to see something that is provocative, not provincial?

Apparently many film conglomerates like Disney, Dimensions, Paramount and so on seem to think that the public craves more of the same; similar characters, similar plot and dull comparable endings. To me, the whole sequel business is becoming more and more redundant. Instead of spending $100 million on special effects, they should spend a little time being more creative. Sure, movie producers see their films like *Men In Black* make millions at the box office and want to make a sequel with the hope of capitalizing on viewers' loyalty in an attempt to make even more money. Don't these producers realize that these films lack originality? I'm sure you all saw *Speed*, which for all intents and purposes was original and decent. But did anyone actually waste money on *Speed 2: Cruise Control*? If you did, I really feel sorry for you.

Remember when movies had imaginative ideas that really captivated the viewers? What happened to those classics like *The Big Lebowski* and *E.T.* or even *Blazing Saddles* -- movies that I can still watch today and feel good afterward? Somewhere along the way movie corporations lost sight of why they actually make movies.

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Film companies are more interested in the biggest box office hit, regardless of how respectable the movie actually is, as opposed to making films for the sheer enjoyment. New movie releases like *A Beautiful Mind* really seem to enthrall audiences, while movies like *How High* don't really captivate their viewers or send them to the edge of their seats begging for more.

I would be much happier if fewer movies were released, ensuring that what does come out is actually worth seeing. Of course you can't eliminate these films that taint the big screen, but at least consider what you are going to see before you see it. Granted, some of these sequels look fantastic in the preview, but that's what they want you to believe. Isn't it time you stopped going to a theatre where you need a down payment for your $20 bucket of popcorn? I am not going to tell you to stop going to the movies, but I would recommend taking them with a grain or two of salt.

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A politically correct memorial

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hardship. Americans should continue to work towards eliminating the racial gap in the United States. However, we must also keep in mind that to alter a historically factual photograph according to the sculptor's interpretation -- no matter what kind of alteration they make -- would be to undermine the photographer's original purpose to show the patriotic, selfless spirit of the American people. In the future, the artistic community should remember that altering a memorial in memory of the thousands that were lost in any way would be to stray from its original intention as a symbol to honor their memory and the unbreakable American spirit, and that in itself would be tragic.

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Weekly Discourse: Ground zero today

Legitimate tourist attraction or a memorial site?

Daniel Engelberg

Weekly Guest Columnist

The tragedy of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, struck deep at the core of the American soul. The collapse of the twin towers brought with it fear, sadness and grief; but it also united our country in a way that has not been seen in years. At the center of this flood of emotions sits a twisted, mangled pile of wreckage in lower Manhattan, to which thousands of firemen, police officers, EMTs and ordinary citizens have flocked to help with the clean-up efforts.

On Jan. 9, 2002, the integrity of ground zero was brought into question when Mayor Bloomberg began to issue tickets allowing citizens to see the site from two platforms, allowing a total of 250 people to view the site every half hour. Many began to ask the question of whether ground zero would now become a "tourist" site.

So now the question arises, is it right to allow people to view the wreckage? In my opinion, not only should people be allowed to view the wreckage, but people should be encouraged to view it. "It's important to see it with my own eyes," said 19-year-old Les Schortz of Lamar, Mo. "It will bring it home for me if I see it myself." This is the sentiment among many Americans. The fact of the matter is, every single American was touched in some way by the tragedy, and viewing it first hand will not only allow people to see the effects of terrorism, but allow a little bit of closure to the tragedy.

I myself can only imagine what ground zero really looks like, by piecing together images in my mind from photographs and videos, but nothing can compare to the actual event of experiencing the sights, sounds, even the smells of first hand experience. The accusation that ground zero will become a tourist attraction because of this truly underestimates the American sentiment. It is my belief that Americans do not want to see this for masochistic purposes, but because it is something that touches every American on a different level. Ground zero is not a spot for tourists, but it is a pilgrimage that most Americans should make, for it is the heart of the era that we have now entered.

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Skye Bassett

Weekly Columnist

On Sept. 11, 2001, the nation watched in horror as two commercial airliners crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the aftermath of which left thousands of people dead. It also made words like "ground zero" common language for the world. But now, four months later, people are flocking to the site we watched people run from in fear. And now with talk in the air about turning ground zero into a tourist attraction with tickets and walkways into the wreckage, we must ask ourselves: is this right?

History shows that it is our natural tendency to turn sites of massive tragedy into tourist attractions, for example, the beaches of Normandy and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building building in Oklahoma City. However, the difference is that these sites have been cleaned. The carnage and wreckage has been cleared away and memorials stand in their place. For anyone who has ever visited these memorials they are as haunting and powerful as the actual wreckage.

Ground zero should not be a tourist attraction this soon after the tragedy. There are still people missing in the wreckage and crews are still working day in and day out to clear the site. The people who work there deserve the respect of the world and do not need to be gawked at by curious tourists, the people for whom the pictures on the TV are not horrifying enough. Also, the families and loved ones of the thousands of people who died there deserve a speedy cleanup of ground zero and deserve to have the bodies of their loved ones returned to them in a speedy fashion for a proper burial. Turning the site into a tourist attraction would greatly inhibit the cleanup process of ground zero.

I'm not saying that people should never go to ground zero. When the cleanup is done, there should be a memorial built to the people who lost their lives on Sept. 11. Parts of the buildings could still be left standing, like in the Oklahoma memorial, to remind people of the tragedy of hate. But until then, let the workers work and let those who died rest in peace by not turning ground zero into a tourist attraction in its current state. America must rebuild, and we can't rebuild if we can't move on.

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South side residents make themselves at home

By Lindsey Aspinall
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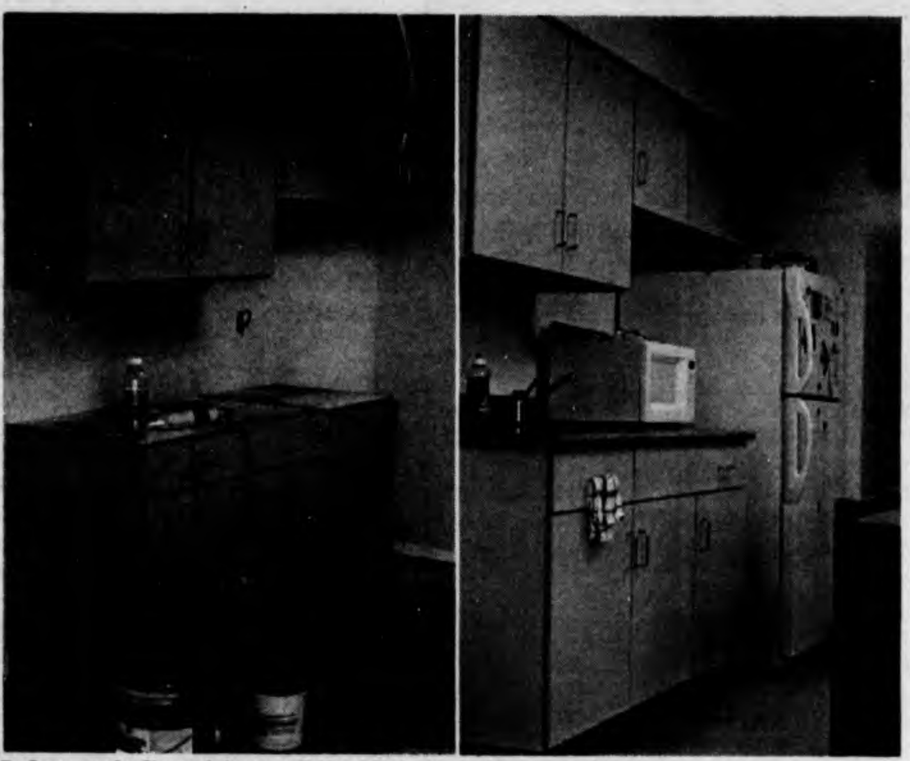
The construction of Robertson and South Residence Halls, which had begun last January, was completed on Dec. 15, 2001. The two four-story buildings now occupy 140 students, the first residents of these brand new buildings. New residents have been giving satisfactory reports on their new living space. Sophomore Beth Raupers, new resident of South Hall commented, "The amount of space is a nice benefit to living in the new dorms. College students coming from home can have a lot of space issues that may affect them subconsciously. Personally, I like having a single." Her suitemate, Sophomore Liz Kelsey, agreed, adding, "The biggest advantage is definitely having a single but still sharing the space with three other people."

Each suite contains four single rooms, a galley kitchen, shower room, separate toilet room, a living room, and two vanity sinks. The large amount of space available appears to be students' most favorable aspect of the new dormitories. Students have commented that they expect the structural usage of glass in the buildings to affect the residents' privacy, but Raupers saw the usage of big windows as yet another advantage. She emphasized the importance of light and space in student living areas and commented that privacy means "pulling down the shades." Students' rooms on the south side of campus overlook city parkland from south to west. The view from north to east overlooks the campus, mainly Haas Tower. Sophomore Alycia Infante, South Hall resident, said, "I really like our beautiful big window. There's a great view of the park below." In dormitories, sharing a bathroom with the entire floor can be an issue for some students. This concern has been alleviated; another feature of the new dormitories is their private bathrooms. Sophomore Dena Simons quoted, "Having our own bathroom is nice. Plus, we have two vanity sinks to use." With separate rooms for the toilet and shower and these additional vanity sinks, residents may avoid the hassle of crowded bathrooms. Four people share a bathroom, rather than an entire hall.



Before and after pictures of the kitchens in the new dorms

Photos by Scott Swartz

There was a selective application process for students applying for the new dormitories this semester. Preference went to students returning from studying abroad and others who had lived in off-campus housing. Others applied for the dorms merely for the chance to experience the accommodations the buildings have to offer.

Speaking out on plagiarism

Posing questionable situations

By Lauren Wiesner
Assist. News Editor

The Academic Judicial Board has become more active in recent years. The Board serves the Berg on a regular basis by determining what is considered a violation of our Academic Behavior Code. According to Dr. Erika Sutherland, a professor on the Board, there have been more hearings in recent years than ever before. "There used to only be a few cases a year," she explained. Now, talk about incidences of plagiarism is common on campus.

> *"What makes this community a whole is trust, respect, and honesty."*
> *Dr. Erika Sutherland*

Some believe that the best way to alleviate this increasing problem is for the students to take control of their own code of ethics. "Students must be the ones to demand [the honor code]," said Sutherland. It is important for each student to understand his or her personal ethics and how the Academic Behavior Code relates to him or her. Sometimes students are surprised at what is considered a violation of the Academic Behavior Code. Students in schools including Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford have offered their classmates hypothetical situations of plagiarism in their newspaper. This student-maintained effort has kept people aware of and talking about ethics.

"What makes this community a whole is trust, respect and honesty," said Sutherland. By taking the time to consider our honor code, we can work together to improve the integrity of our community.

In some instances brought up on the Academic Judicial Board, it is difficult to determine whether the Academic Behavior Code is violated or not. For example, the story below could be interpreted several ways. Considering your ethical beliefs, what do you think about the following situation?

A student in a Political Science class has to write a paper that counts for a big portion of her grade. She is not particularly excited about the topic, and she is in a rush to get the assignment done. While researching, the student uses the ERIC database to find an article that has a very similar topic as her paper. She bases most of her paper on the article and is sure to footnote it at the end of the paper. Is the behavior of the student ethical?

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Operation Enduring Freedom

Tuesday, January 22

Afghanistan walked away from an international conference with $4.5 billion in newly pledged aid to rebuild the war-ravaged country. A Palestinian gunman wounded 16 Israelis in a shooting spree in Jerusalem's main shopping street after Israeli troops killed four Palestinian militants in the West Bank.

Monday, January 21

Accused U.S. Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh was expected to leave Afghanistan soon to stand trial in the United States. Rich nations on Monday promised more than $3 billion to start rebuilding Afghanistan but an attack on an aid convoy and saber rattling between rival warlords raised fears about security and stability.

Sunday, January 20

Afghanistan's interim leader Hamid Karzai headed on Saturday for Tokyo and an international aid conference aimed at helping the country extricate itself from the conditions that allowed Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda to thrive. Israeli troops exchanged fire with Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Saturday, January 19

Rights watchdogs expressed concern on Friday when American troops seized six Algerians in Bosnia. Investigators had found an e-mail message in which alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid wrote of plans to destroy an airliner. U.S. airlines began screening all checked bags for explosives under a new anti-terrorism law.

Friday, January 18

The U.S. assured Afghanistan of its long-term support for post-Taliban reconstruction and issued a global appeal to find five al Qaeda men who are said to be plotting further suicide attacks. U.S. officials launched an international appeal for help to find the five men shown in video tapes recovered from a house used by members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda group in Afghanistan.

Thursday, January 17

An Algerian who belonged to a militant Islamic group with suspected links to bin Laden was sentenced on Wednesday to 24 years in prison for his role in a plot to bomb the Los Angeles International Airport and U.S. millennium celebrations. Richard Reid, a Briton who trained with bin Laden's al Qaeda network in Afghanistan, was indicted on Wednesday for attempting to destroy an airliner.

Wednesday, January 15

U.S. warplanes hunted new targets on Tuesday after demolishing al Qaeda and Taliban hideouts in eastern Afghanistan. The U.S. charged American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh with conspiring to kill U.S. nationals in the Afghanistan war and with providing support to Osama bin Laden 's al Qaeda network, charges that spare him from facing the death penalty.

Exam schedule changes

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to take exams closer to their last classes, and gives faculty members more time to grade students' exams. This program also allows the class instructor to give a final to more than one section of the same course in the same place simultaneously. The exam periods will be 8:30-11:30a.m., 12:00-3:00p.m., and 3:30-6:30p.m. each day. If a student has a final exam conflict, meaning two exams scheduled at the same time or more than two exams on the same day, the student can register the conflict with the Registrar to resolve the conflict.

Some students are not in agreement over the new policy. Elyse Anderson '02 said, "I like the longer exam period, I like the study days and I like the longer schedule. There's more time to study." But first-year student Tony Scicchitano said, "I'm in favor of it, because it cuts down on the amount of time that students stress on final exams."

Class of 2006 applicant pool

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schools from last year are Franklin and Marshall College, Bucknell University, Lafayette College, Dickinson College, Lehigh University, Gettysburg College, Rutgers University, Susquehanna University, University of Delaware, and a tie for tenth between Skidmore College and Villanova University. However, the biggest changes occurred just below the top ten. Out of the top 30 most popular schools to which Muhlenberg applicants applied, New York University was 11, Tufts University was 16, University of Richmond was 17, the College of William and Mary was 21, and Hamilton College was 23. The University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University were tied at 27, marking the first time ever that these two institutions appeared in the top 30. Colgate University was 28 and Johns Hopkins University was 30 on the list of other schools for Muhlenberg applicants.

Hooker-Haring pointed out that the increasing quality of applicants is not only exciting for the admissions staff, but for current students as well. As the College admits higher quality students and receives more recognition, the degrees it awards are worth more to graduates. The College's improving applicant pool reflects an important trend for the future.

OFF CAMPUS

Bethlehem – Bethlehem churches on Monday celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a unified service that ended with white Protestants and black Baptists holding hands and swaying as they sang, "We Shall Overcome." The service at Cathedral Church of the Nativity was the first time the Bethlehem chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People organized a King Day service at a predominantly white church, said chapter President Esther Lee. "We want to reach out and spread the love we all share," Lee said. "Together, African-Americans and whites can make a difference."

Allentown – An Allentown lawyer who is president of Emmaus Borough Council intends to become the first challenger to state Rep. Jane S. Baker in this year's Republican primary election. Craig B. Neely confirmed Monday that he will announce his candidacy for the 134th District seat in Lehigh County this afternoon at his Hamilton Street law office. At least two other Republicans said Monday they too are considering trying to unseat Baker. But Emmaus District Justice Donna R. Butler and Lower Macungie Township Supervisor Kenneth DeAngelis remain undecided, though DeAngelis said Monday, "I'm leaning heavily towards running."

Northampton – The Northampton Area School District Board voted Monday to move forward with the potential construction of a high school on 53 acres that the district plans to buy on Route 329 in Allen Township. In a vote of 8-1, the board approved the construction and a $7,000 environmental site assessment of the property. "This is a great step forward to go ahead with the construction of a new school and the acquisition of property," board President Ted Fritz said. "We need facilities to educate kids." It is the second property along Route 329 to be considered for the proposed $60.3 million, 350,000-square-foot high school.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
High: 43 Low: 26	High: 48 Low: 28	High: 50 Low: 29

WONDERLAND

The snowfall on Saturday created the right atmosphere for the Winter Wonderland Dance.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

New faculty share perspectives

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly Guest Writer

For the new members of the College's faculty, the first semester seemed to conclude very successfully. Students and other faculty members responded positively to the new faces on campus.

> *"Students are very motivated and enjoy learning here."*
> *Dr. Steven Weiner*

Professor of Sociology, Tammy Lewis spent five years teaching at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, a liberal arts college with a mission similar to Muhlenberg's, before coming here to begin teaching in the fall. Lewis is the only full-time sociology professor on campus. Last semester, she taught two sections of introductory sociology as well as an upper level course in research methodology.

"I enjoyed seeing the contrast between the two levels of my classes," she said. "It was interesting to work with the first and second year students as well as the upper level students pursuing a major in sociology."

She is working along with Dr. William Abruzzi and Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat of the Sociology and Anthropology Departments to develop the Sociology major at the College.

"It's really interesting to be in on the starting end of what the department should be like," Lewis said.

Along with Lewis, Dr. Steven Weiner of the Chemistry Department found that he was welcomed by his fellow faculty members upon coming to Muhlenberg and received an overall positive response from his students in class.

"Students are very motivated and enjoy learning here," he said.

Lewis had a similar take on the attitudes of the students at the college.

"Students are very happy to be here," she said.

Professor Terry Lewis reads in her office. Lewis joined the College's faculty last semester.

Photo by Ben Patton

Short of activities for next semester?

Consider writing for the Weekly News section!

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 3 – Assist Other Agency – A confused female was found wandering the Giant parking lot wearing a nightgown and no shoes. Allentown Police and South Whitehall Police were involved.

Jan. 3 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A non-student helping a student move hit a truck belonging to the College along the Back Drive near Taylor Hall.

Jan. 3 – Weapon - Two knives were found in plain view during an inspection in Prosser Hall. The student will face judicial charges.

Jan. 3 – Fire Safety Violation – Items were found dangling from the ceiling in eleven rooms in Prosser Hall. The students who hung the items were referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 3 – Stolen Property – An M.W. Wood "Caution Wet Floor" sign was found after inspection in Prosser Hall. The students were referred to the Dean's Office.

Jan. 3 – Alcohol Violation – A beer funnel was found after inspection in Walz Hall. The students were referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 3 – Alcohol Violation – A bottle of Malibu Rum was found after inspection in Walz Hall. The students were referred to the Dean's Office.

Jan. 4 – Fraud/Forgery – Four forged checks were found in the Controller's Office in the College Center. The checks are under investigation by Allentown Police and the bank.

Jan. 9 – Assist Other Agency – A car accident occurred on Parkway Blvd. A light pole was taken down.

Jan. 9 – Harassment – Internet harassment between a non-student and possible student. The situation is under investigation.

Jan. 10 – Unauthorized Person – An unknown person was found wrapping presents in an off-campus house belonging to students. The Allentown Police Department is involved.

Jan. 11 – Fire Safety Violation – A toaster oven was left on over break in the General's Quarters.

Jan. 11 – Fake I.D./Alcohol Violation – A false over 21 I.D. was found. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 12 – Suspicious Person – Three suspicious males followed a female student from the Giant parking lot back to her off-campus house. The vehicle belonging to the unknown males was not located.

Jan. 12 – Unauthorized Entry – A suspicious male was found entering the PKT fraternity. He was later identified as the newly appointed building manager.

Jan. 12 – Animal Complaint – Two snakes and another reptile were found in the PKT fraternity. The information was sent to the Alumni Board representatives.

Jan. 12 – Possible Drug Paraphernalia/Alcohol Violation – Four students and a non-student were found with drugs and alcohol. The students were referred to the Dean of Students and the non-student was given a letter of trespass.

Jan. 13 – Injured Student – A student was cut on the left hand after dropping a ceramic mug in Benfer Hall.

Jan. 13 – Suspicious Person – Two Hispanic males driving a white pickup truck in the Martin Luther Hall fire lane were found with residence hall furniture in the back of the truck.

Jan. 13 – Criminal Mischief – A television was found damaged on the floor in Prosser.

Jan. 15 – Fire Alarm – A George Foreman Grill set off the fire alarm in South Hall. The student was told the item needed to be removed.

Jan. 16 – Exposure – An approximately 30-year-old white man was found wearing only a T-shirt outside Brown Hall at 3:00 a.m. He was spotted by a Prosser Hall resident.

Jan. 16 – Vehicle Violation – An immobilized car with a boot was found in the Front Drive. The driver agreed to register the car and pay a $550 fine.

Jan. 17 – Theft – A foot long ruler was reported stolen from the biology room.

Jan. 17 – Theft – A parking sticker was reported stolen from a vehicle. The incident location is unknown.

Jan. 18 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A vehicle was reported with a smashed banana on the windshield and the air let out of the tires on 419 Leh Street.

Jan. 18 – Possession/Stolen Property – A Pizza Hut sign was found on the wall of a bathroom in Benfer Hall. The students were referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 19 – Possession Drug Paraphernalia/Alcohol Violation – Pipes, a bong and a small quantity of marijuana was found in Prosser Hall. The students were referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 19 – Injured Student – A desk was dropped on a student's left hand. The student was taken to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

Jan. 20 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The right side rear tail light of a car was found broken in the Martin Luther parking lot.

Jan. 20 – Exposure – An approximately 30-year-old white man was found wearing only a T-shirt by the East Hall parking lot on 23rd Street. Campus Safety is sending out a notice to the community.

New name, same faces.
Jeff Heintzelman '02 dines with friends at Ye Olde Muhlenberg Tavern. The Tavern, formerly Woody's Pizza and Sports Bar, is already attracting Berg students.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Mixer brings students and faculty together

BY KELLY LEHMAN
News Editor

Playing Scrabble with a professor became an option on campus last Tuesday night at the College's first Student/Faculty Mixer. The event drew students to mingle with their professors and deans of the College over snacks in Moyer Hall.

Some students reported that there were close to a hundred students at some points throughout the evening, while others said there might have been close to two hundred. Actually, over 300 people attended the event according to Elias Saratovsky, President of Student Council. Saratovsky helped to organize the event. The turnout ended up being the number of people that organizers had expected.

> *"Our intentions were to bring together students and faculty members."*
> *Elias Saratovsky '02*

But at six o'clock, the group had dwindled to about half a dozen faculty, one dean (Dean Shiner Wilson), and a dozen students. Four were seated at a table in Moyer playing Scrabble with Dr. Hardy, Assistant Professor of Religion.

The idea to have a mixer was brought up at a Student Council meeting. "Our intentions were to bring together students and faculty members from the various academic departments," said Saratovsky '02. "Muhlenberg allows for personal interaction between students and faculty members. However, students have always complained that they rarely have an opportunity to meet faculty members outside of their departments," he added. The mixer allows underclassmen to meet with faculty while they are in the process of choosing a major.

By the end of the evening, a handful of professors remained. Mary Lawlor, an Associate Professor in the English Department, led an animated discussion with two undergrads. Dr. Alec Marsh, also a professor of English, smiled and waved to students as he left. Near the buffet table, Dr. Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish, had a one-on-one conversation with Matt McGlaughlin '03.

The Academics Committee planned the event, but the Dean of Academic Life, the Dean of Students Office and Student Council shared the costs. There are more mixers planned for the future.

Sally and Joe Think About Their Futures

Sally Smartie: Hey Joe - Have you signed up yet?

Joe College: Signed up for what?

Sally: CAREER CAMPAIGN 2002. It's on Sunday, January 27. My Professor said it's a great way to network with Berg alums and learn more about some career ideas I have.

Joe: Really? Maybe I should go too.

Sally: Well, if you're thinking about it, you'd better sign up. I hear seats are filling quickly this year. This economy has everyone on their toes!

Joe: Good idea - I'll go to the OCDP right now to sign up. See you there!

Don't miss out on what Sally and Joe will learn. Sign up for this year's Career Campaign in the OCDP (lower level Seegers) or through your Career Connections account!

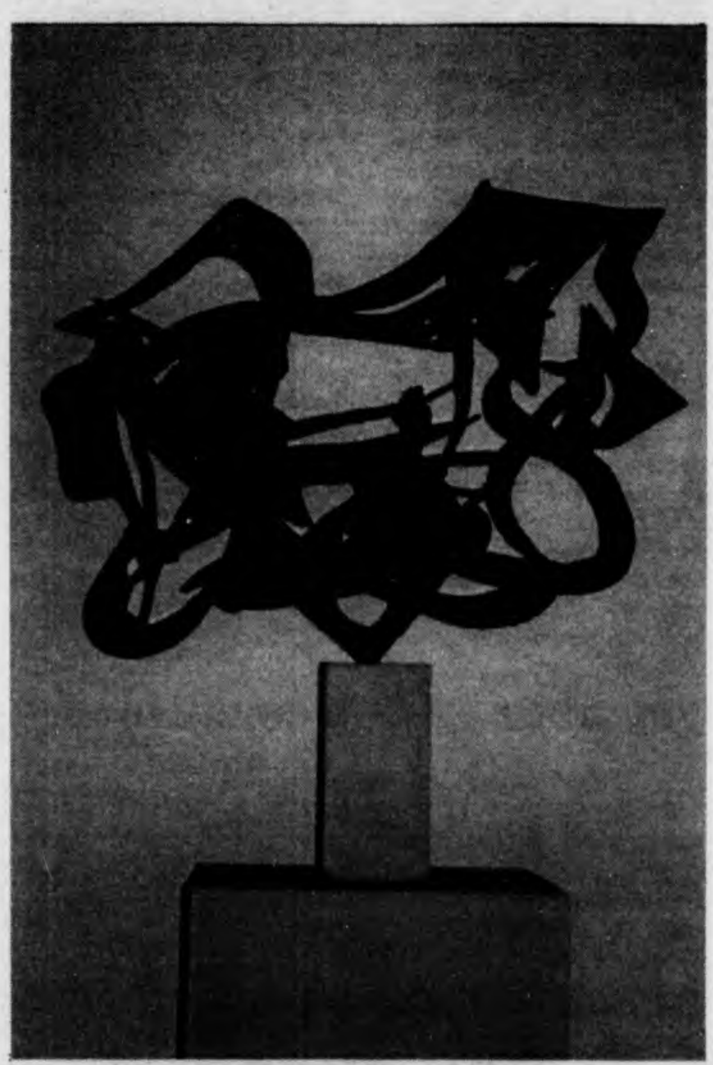
WEEKLY
life!

"THE ART OF LIFE IS TO KNOW HOW TO ENJOY A LITTLE AND TO ENDURE VERY MUCH."

-- WILLIAM HAZLITT

Post-war art in Muhlenberg's Martin Art Gallery

life! review



Just a taste...want more? Go visit the Martin Art Gallery.
PHOTO BY JESSICA SKROCKI

BY JOSLYN DELANCEY
Weekly Staff Writer

The Seymour Lipton Sculpture Exhibit opened on Friday, Jan. 18 in the Martin Art Gallery in the Baker Center for the Arts. This exhibition is a collection of sculptures created by Seymour Lipton, an abstract expressionistic artist during post-war America.

Lipton was born in 1903, and although he always showed a passion for the arts, his parents pushed him to continue his schooling and go into much more "socially acceptable" fields. He completed his schooling at Columbia University's dental school. He used his dental profession as a way to fund his artistic habits.

During the 1920s, Lipton began intense self-training in sculpture. In order to do this, he traveled to various art galleries and museums. His earlier sculptures are crafted in wood, and tend to express the struggles of man in society. As Lipton continued to sculpt, he began to use a material called Monel metal. As he moved away from wood, Lipton's works became more and more abstract. His themes tended to be avian imagery, nature's forms and hero figures. These themes were very common throughout post-war art. Lipton was utterly enthralled by birds. Many of his sculptures are related to the concept of flight, which, in turn, is linked with the idea of freedom. Lipton's nature-inspired works play off of the ideas of fertility, botany, and ocean life. Working with a slightly different theme, Lipton's *Hero* sculptures involve heroism as it is evident in different societies worldwide. These pieces are of a considerable size and resemble the human form.

> *"Lipton's ability to manipulate space and suspend the inanimate is amazing,"*
> - Karen Herres Saba.

Lipton's metal works are extraordinary. They have a highly textured surface, thanks to the new technology springing from the end of World War II, such as a portable torch used for altering the appearance of various medium exteriors. His pieces, while made out of metal, have an extremely lightweight appearance. They look as though they are weightless, floating objects. The sculptures appear fragile, but they are actually quite sturdy due to Lipton's developed techniques.

Lipton retired from dentistry in 1955 to pursue his passion for sculpting, making it a full-time commitment. He continued to sculpt using the post-war theme until his death in 1986.

The Martin Art Gallery houses this stunning show's eye-catching pieces. Professor Scott Sherk describes Lipton's work as "drawings in space. He takes a flat material and forms it into something three dimensional."

Lipton was to post-war sculpture what Jackson Pollack was to post-war painting. Other post-war sculptors were David Smith, Theodore Roszak and Herbert Ferber.

Evening College student Karen Herres Saba states,

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Question of the Week: *What was the first thing you did when you moved back from winter break?*

"I realized that it is cold and I want to get back home on the plane to Florida"
-Evan Karp '02

"I moved into Robertson."
-Jesse Wasilewski '02

"My friends and I went to Wegman's for dinner."
-Hope Curry '03

"I unpacked my stuff into my new room."
-Christa Knapp '03

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I Am Sam: An inspirational story not to be missed

life! review

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

I Am Sam made its debut this past weekend. The artistic simplicity of the film is symbolized in the brief title of the film. Conquering topics such as social distress, disrupted consistency and the controversy of parenting in regard to love and intelligence, *I Am Sam* examines the intricate details and pathways of one discarded man's quest to love his daughter the way he sees fit. As an exploration of human emotion and sociological influence on the American private life, *I Am Sam* embodies a realm of human emotion that not only touches viewers deeply. The movie simultaneoulsy presents a wall-eyed view of a world set against the disadvantaged father fighting against social statutes just to be allowed to love his child.

With jerky camera action and realistic dimmed lighting, *I Am Sam* follows the grueling court trials and emotional hardships through the eyes of a mentally disabled man seeking out custody of his incredibly intelligent daughter. Sam Dawson, played exceptionally by Academy Award winner Sean Penn, is a hardworking and dedicated single father of Lucy, the little girl he named after his favorite Beatles song. Supported by a framework of other mentally disadvantaged men, Sam copes successfully with the raising of his daughter by establishing a routine in his life along with his friends and neighbor that provides both him, his daughter and his support system with immaculate security and love. When his daughter nears school-age, Sam finds himself in an impossible predicament of relinquishing his unbelievably beloved daughter to the state when social services dubs him as an unfit father. Stripping Sam of his dignity because of his insufficient and inferior levels of intelligence begins a whirlwind fight for the pinnacle and core of his constructed life. Entering into a desperate relationship with his lawyer, played very competently by Michelle Pfeiffer, Sam Dawson gleans energy and motivation from his surrounding loved ones. In the meantime, he himself provides a monument of determination, indescribable love and ambition that even the most intelligent people yearn to possess. Through extremely capable acting and a realistically dialoged screenplay, Jessie Nelson, director and writer of *I Am Sam*, sets out to prove that intelligence by no means dictates ability to love.

One of the most poigniant aspects of this movie was the amplification of a common theme that is woven throughout filmmaking. Most movies make an effort to present conflict and drama from the view of a societal outsider. Sam Dawson is a mentally retarded, single, white, working-class male with a daughter he has raised from infancy. Unattainable tasks are a part of his everyday life in tenfold dosages, yet he establishes himself as a part of a world where normalcy is not his instinct. Despite his estrangement from the norm of men his age, Sam somehow embodies the part of each and every person who feels a hint of frustration in everyday life. We have all experienced times in our lives, especially since we are college students at Muhlenberg, that have completely barricaded our plans and stopped our minds in fits of panic and stress. Yet, Sam lives his life from impossible moment to impossible moment, and in doing so demonstrates an ideal sense of perseverance that any normal person would emulate. Ironically then, Sam becomes not an outsider, but rather an externalized, acted-out version of that part inside us that drags us away from our goals. Seeing Sam plough through problem after problem gives us satisfaction and draws his views of the world closer to our very own.

Despite the heaviness and drama of the fight for Lucy's custody, *I Am Sam* is frequently spotted with bits of humor and light-hearted factoids that create a sense of realism about the film. Sam's friends, who each have some sort of disability like paranoia or Down's syndrome, provide a loving and upbeat framework on which Sam and Lucy depend in their process of loving and supporting each other. With quick and short plays on words and props like the 60's-styled protest signs saying "Free Lucy Dawson" in the family court, the buddies exemplify and idealize the saviors in times of trouble. Their consistent teasing and vitality on screen provoke love and enjoyment, and despite

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Make room for *Room for Squares*

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

John Mayer, the up-and-coming singer/songwriter recently released his latest album, *Room for Squares*. Although many people may not have heard of Mayer, *Room for Squares* is definitely an album investment that should be made.

If at first a listener is unsure of whether or not to make the purchase, he or she should give the album a chance. In hindsight, they will definitely be glad they gave the album a shot, because it is probably one of the best albums recently released. Although his style is similar to that of the biggest names to routinely grace the Billboard Charts each week like Barenaked Ladies, Dave Matthews and Creed, Mayer goes a step further by making something different and exciting in each track. Rather than just plain acoustics, he adds a funky drum beat or creates two distinct melodies between the chorus and the rest of the song.

Mayer is able to convey an amazing amount of passion and emotion, without giving the listener an overly sentimental feeling, as well as being sincere. In addition, without the usual media hype of most popular artists, Mayer's lyrics and songs paint a story about his experiences and opinions, which is evident in his rather personal songs. This is a quality that is crucial for a musician, because it allows an audience that has no intimate contact with the artist to feel as if they have known him or her forever. Perhaps that is why it was so easy to almost "fall for" John Mayer with his stories of yester-year, unrequited love and isolation combined with a lovable frankness that is nothing short of infectious.

The title, *Room for Squares,* has some relation to the Periodic Table of Elements in chemistry. Although the comparison appears nowhere in the music, it does make for interesting art work. There are a few noteworthy tracks to look into: "Why Georgia" (it has nothing to do with country music!), "83", and "Your Body is a Wonderland."

This album greatly surpasses every other one that has been released in the past few years, and is definitely worth checking out. John Mayer is quite simply funky, fresh and so very very now.

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Seymour Lipton sculptures

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The Seymour Lipton Sculpture Exhibit opened on Jan. 18 in Muhlenberg's Martin Art Gallery thanks to Dr. Lori Verderame.

Photo by Jessica Skrocki

"Lipton's ability to manipulate space and suspend the inanimate is amazing. We are fortunate to have access to art that opens our minds." Today, Lipton is recognized as a prominent modern sculptor. One hundred fifty museums hold one or more of his pieces.

We would not be so lucky to have these sculptures in our very own art gallery if it weren't for the help of Dr. Lori Verderame. Dr. Verderame has been the director of the Martin Art Gallery since 1996.

Verderame began working on this show ten years ago when the Palmers (of the Palmer Art Gallery) first sparked her interest in Lipton's work. She was very interested in post-war art, and Lipton's sculptures are typical works of this time period.

The show was started two years ago when it premiered in the Palmer Art Gallery at Penn State University. The show has traveled to nine other museums around the country. Muhlenberg is the last stop for this wonderful exhibit, so take the time before it closes on April 12 to go see Lipton's work.

Not only will you be exposed to exquisite works of art, you will also be able to get a sense of the history of post-war America.

Fashion forward!

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor
and
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Trends wait for no one, and being part of "the scene" is being first to score the next new thing. So, here are a few tips to give you a head start on the spring fashion trends.

Try crusing by some vintage shops and flea markets, boutique sale-racks and other quirky specialty shops and the depths of your imagination (or closet) to be really fashion forward.

Scout out: skinny high heel boots hacked off right at the instep--boots are making their way as the "new". evening shoe.

Crack the stiff denim and recycle well-worn jeans. Pay lots of attention to shoulders--particularly strapless and one-shouldered tops.

Anything with sleeve interest is key--slashed or full. Last but not least, asymmetrical ruffles (the edgy kind) are a must!

Check this column weekly for more fashion trends, tips, and happenings.

The Red Door rocks --
Westfall: For pure art's sake

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

At 9:30 p.m. this past Thursday night, our very own Red Door Café softly yet intensely filled with the pleasant droning of a musical jam session. With lights dimmed low, Westfall, a Muhlenberg College student band, produced a jazz-like composition for performance. With heavy-laden, accentuated and catchy bass riffs, Westfall created a piece that was both energized and serene. Utilizing a free-style form like that seen in jazz clubs and even in big-time rock shows, the band illustrated extremely competent skill interweaving frantic keyboard lines with occasional gently pulsing drum parts. The moving in and out of solos and accompaniments of keyboard, guitar, bass and percussion created an almost surreal and dreamlike style remnant of the psychadelic roots of artists such as Jimi Hendrix. With their marriage of such genres of rock and evidently jazz free-form, Westfall embodies a sort of jazzy, funky rock that demonstrates extreme talent and commitment to the art of music.

Westfall demonstrates concentration and dedication that is so often lost in pop-rock shows. Their performance takes any listener back to the roots of jamming in its truest sense, reminding us as music lovers that music is played not for fame or commercialism, but for pure art's sake.

Together, Brian Wilson, Scott Laughlin, Steven Babula and Mike Alexander make up Westfall. On Thursday, January 17th, the four-man band performed in the Red Door.

Photo by Jessica Skrocki

All you need is *Sam*...

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their own struggles of assimilating to a world that is rapidly advanced beyond their capacity, they come through with unmatched camaraderie that we all hope to experience sometimes in our own lives. Along with the frequent Beatles allusions and explicated parallelism between George, Paul, John and Ringo with Sam's own life, the crew of supports add exponentially to the loving emotional quality of this film. This element helps make the battles in court a little more bearable for both the fictional characters and for the audience.

On a cinematic note, Sean Penn who carries the film with Michelle Pfeiffer and the very young actress Dakota Fanning as Lucy, do exemplary jobs of taking on very complicated characters.

For months and even years before the production began on *I Am Sam*, Sean Penn and director/writer Jessie Nelson visited community centers for the mentally and emotionally disabled and researched mannerisms and mind-frames of real-life people. There is no doubt that Sean Penn has unquestionable skill in such areas of acting, as was portrayed in the early 90's with his portrayal of a death-row rapist in *Dead Man Walking,* co-starring Susan Sarandon. In this newest role, however, he completely transforms his voice and movements to the point where his role is not only extremely believable, but also unmistakably true.

Pfeiffer sadly takes on a role of a miserable and horrible headhunting lawyer who is only in pursuit of selfish and reputation-related goals. Through intricate plot details carried out by perfected chemistry between the two adult stars of the film, Dakota Fanning's very fine performance as Lucy falls right into place that is billowed by love and determination for happiness.

Studded by an outstanding classic rock and folk-laden soundtrack featuring such voices and groups as Rufus Wainwright, the Wallflowers, and Beatle remakes by Eddie Vedder and Ben Harper, *I Am Sam* compiles to create a touching film about the raw love between a father, despite his disabilities to survive in a bustling world not suited for his needs, and his child.

Even though the movie is aesthetically pleasing with fine acting, great music, and good humor, the film touches upon controversial subjects of intelligence and ability that may be taboo in the real world. Yet, with all things considered, *I Am Sam* makes a story of conflict and hardship one driven by love and affection that needs to be more prevalent in modern society. *I Am Sam* sets up a mirrored view of the world in which we live, and exudes emotion that often goes overlooked or neglected.

The bottom line is, as both Sam Dawson and the Beatles say, all you need is love...and some good friends with whom to go see this movie.

Muhlenberg Top 5:
Ways to Tell It's the Beginning of the Spring Semester

5. No one recognizes you because of your hat, scarf, and gloves
4. There are no used books in the bookstore
3. The campus is covered in rock salt
2. Everyone's in the Life Sports Center training for spring break
1. Dorm room heat makes the outside seem refreshing

By Kelly Anne Robertson

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND????

Thursday, January 24

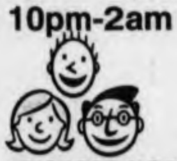
Sean Whittaker & Eric Bruckner 9-11pm Red Door

Friday, January 25

Musician "Adam Richman" 9pm Red Door
Virtual Reality 10pm-2am Seegers Lobby

Saturday, January 26

Ryan Kavalsky 9-11pm Red Door
Caricature Artist 10pm-2am Seegers Lobby



MAC MEETINGS - EVERY WEDNESDAY 5PM
TRUMBOWER 130

horoscopes

Aries
Be the first one to say 'hello' to a cute new exchange student. Maybe you'll end up with a date for Friday night. What better way to start the new year?

Taurus
No matter how much you want that new jacket or compilation CD, it might not be the best idea to buy it right now. Your latest urge to splurge is something you might regret later.

Gemini
A friend might have a clearer perspective on a situation than you do. Listen to their advice. It might be hard for you to let go of your own opinion, but it's the smart thing to do.

Cancer
You're way too stressed out to be 100 percent rational right now. Don't trust yourself to play the diplomat. You may end up starting some battles without even meaning to.

Leo
Look forward to starting an interesting new project at school today. It should be something different than what you're used to, which should make it interesting — if only for a little while.

Virgo
A sibling or friend might try to 'borrow' some money from you. If you want to see the money again, let them know that you're broke right now!

Libra
Today might really test your ability to deal with a serious relationship. If you're not ready for it, you'll probably find out. On the other hand, if it's for real, you'll know soon enough.

Scorpio
Stay away from people that get on your nerves. Your dislike for them may get worse than ever. The last thing you need is to be involved in any brawls on school grounds.

Sagittarius
You might get very caught up in a basketball game or even a school project today. You're probably in the mood to do something that burns a lot of energy; you have plenty of energy to spare.

Capricorn
Home life might be getting you down. Maybe your parents are fighting a lot; maybe you suspect money troubles. Either way, it might affect your mood.

Aquarius
Right now, other people might not know what to make of your latest haircut or fashion quirk, but in four months, they'll all be copying it. Not that any of this probably occurs to you; when you do something, it's because you want to.

Pisces
The words of teachers and friends might go right past you today. It's not that you're trying to brush anyone off; you're just a little distracted. You'll snap out of it soon enough.

Courtesy of www.horoscopes.com

WMUH's new *Muhlenberg Minute*

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor

For those of you early-morning risers, make a habit of tuning your radio to Muhlenberg College station WMUH, 91.7 FM at 7:59 a.m. on Sundays to hear the "Muhlenberg Minute". Beginning this semester, each Sunday, Chaplain Peter Bredlau offers a one-minute message discussing the day's Gospel lesson. The first "Minute" of the day airs at 7:59 a.m., following 7:30 Lutheran Vespers. For those who miss the early-morning "Minute," it repeats about six to eight times throughout the day.

The message is a brief explanation linked to the Revised Common Lectionary, which is used in most Protestant Churches. In the "Minute," Chaplain Bredlau will offer the weekly theme and conclusions that can be drawn from the reading. He explains the program as a public service. President Taylor approached the Chaplain at the end of last semester and asked him if the "Muhlenberg Minute" would be something he would be interested in doing. For now, Chaplain Bredlau is taking on the "Minutes" alone, but he enthusiastically said, "Hopefully in the future we can get more people to participate."

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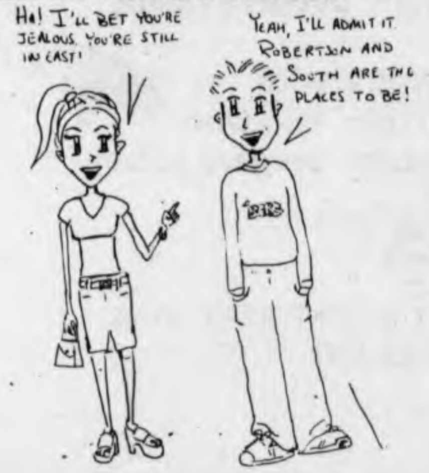
HA! I'LL BET YOU'RE JEALOUS. YOU'RE STILL IN EAST!
YEAH, I'LL ADMIT IT. ROBERTSON AND SOUTH ARE THE PLACES TO BE!

life! *movie listings*

Lehigh Valley Mall

A Walk to Remember: Fri and Sat: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:00; Sun: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
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Kung Pow: Enter the Fist: Fri and Sat: 12:35, 2:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10, 12:00; Sun: 12:35, 2:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
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Black Hawk Down: Fri and Sat: 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 12:00; Sun: 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
Orange County: Fri and Sat: 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30, 12:00; Sun: 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
A Beautiful Mind: Fri and Sat: 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun: 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Lord of the Rings: Fri and Sat: 1:00, 4:40, 8:10, 11:30; Sun: 1:00, 4:40, 8:10
The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Fri and Sat: 12:00

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Orange County: Thurs: 5:30, 7:30
A Beautiful Mind: Thurs; 5:10, 8:10
Lord of the Rings: Thurs: 4:00, 7:30
Ocean's 11; Thurs: 8:20
Kate and Leopold: Thurs: 5:20, 8:00
Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius: Thurs: 4:45, 7:00
Vanilla Sky: Thurs: 5:15, 8:00
Ali: Thurs: 4:30, 7:40
Joe Somebody: Thurs: 8:40
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: Thurs: 5:00

Congratulations to the newest members of The National Order of Omega the Greek National Honor Society

Jennifer Bloom
Lynsey Caldwell
Cassandra Cantwell
Megan Chin
Jeffrey Dipple
Samantha Evans
Ethan Fearn
Evan Karp
Kristin Kish
Philippe Levesque
Andrea Marvel
Melissa Matzuk
Gregory Rhodes
Elliot Silver
Gregory Vorona

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers and Sarah Niebler

With last Sunday's results in the NFC Divisonal Playoffs the stage is set for this Sunday's game between the number one seeded St. Louis Rams and the third seeded Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC championship, and a representative in the Super Bowl.

The explosive offence of the Rams should be quite a challenge for the Eagles, especially due to a groin injury to All-Pro cornerback Troy Vincent.

India's women's cricket team beat England by five wickets to take a 4-0 lead in the five-match series despite an innings of 58 by Arran Thompson. Rashid Latif's best one-day score of 78 helps Pakistan beat Bangladesh by 49 runs in the first of three one-day internationals. India's lower order almost snatched victory in Cuttack, but England eventually secured a 16-run win to tie the one-day series.

In men's action, when the Vaughan's run out for 63 sparked a lower order collapse, Collingwood marshalled the tail through the final 15 overs. Vaughan and captain Nasser Hussain lifted the tourists from the loss of two early wickets with a run-a-ball third wicket partnership worth 69.

After the Pittsburg Steelers rolled over the defending champion Baltimore Ravens they made it clear to the rest of the NFL that the Steel Curtian may be re-born.

They will be facing a team that many have a consider a real contender for a championship title after a late season run, the New England Patroits.

The Patriots, though only having played one playoff game thus far, have had tough time and it doesn't appear to be getting any easier. After a field goal to win last week's game against Oakland. The chances of New England achieving that goal seems more and more unlikely.

In Australian Open women's tennis action, Monica Seles overpowered Venus Williams in a three set match earlier this week. Williams won the first set in a tiebraker 7-6 (7-4), but Seles went on to win the next two sets 6-2, 6-3.

Martina Hingis defeated virtual unknown Adriana Serra Zanetti of Italy. Hingis easily defeated Zanetti, 6-2, 6-3.

Second seed Hingis will now face eighth seed Seles in the semi-finals.

In women's doubles play, eighth seeded team Hingis and Anna Kournikova ousted Kristie Boogert and Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands.

# Facts and Figures

2 - The number of times in three weeks that Senior men's basketball player Mark Lesko has been named Centennial Conference player of the week.

4 - The number of school records that fell during the indoor track meet at Kutztown on Friday.. Freshman Meghan Douglas-Snyder broke the pole vault record by two feet. Freshman Ashlee Hankee broke her own school record in the 55 meter hurdles. Senior Katie Garrett broke the record in the 1,000 meter race. On the men's side, Sophomore Josh Cohen broke the school record for the 300 meters.

13 - The winning streak of the women's basketball team prior to losing to Swarthmore on Saturday. The unbeaten streak set a new school record for the women's team.

49 - The combined number of points the Mules' wrestling squad defeated its opponents by this weekend. The Mules beat host Johns Hopkins, 35-6 and Gettysburg, 32-12.

Profile of a Mule: Bill Holsinger

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

As his remarkable senior season appears destined for a place on the All-American team, it is clear that wrestling tri-captain Bill Holsinger's greatest fans are located both in his hometown of Pennsburg, Penn. and here on this campus, where he is truly beloved by his teammates and coaches alike.

By all accounts this Accounting and Human Resources Administration double major brings a powerful combination of hard work, leadership skills and comic relief to the team.

Last season, as a junior, Holsinger set school records in wins for a season with 37 and pins in a season with 15. He also set school records for overall wins with 89 and pins with 37.

Holsinger also won his second Centennial Conference individual championship and had a 20 game unbeaten streak along the way.

Continuing his success in the 2001-2002 wrestling season, Holsinger has thus far won the individual title at 149 pounds at the King's Tournament in November.

He remains an undefeated 20-0 so far this season and is ranked fourth in the nation in Division III at 149 pounds.

Of those twenty victories, ten have been pins, five have been regular decisions and three have been major decisions. Holsinger won his remaining two matches by forfiet.

Both of his fellow captains, Senior Tyler Cathey and Junior Nate Yeasted rave about his work ethic. Cathey, himself an All-American finalist last year, said, "Billy has committed himself to do great things. He knows being an All-American is a true possibly and he has committed himself to put in that extra effort." Yeasted called his teammate "a model of self-motivation."

Wrestling Head Coach Tom Schleicher spoke of his four years as Holsinger's coach. "Bill has been a force to contend with since he came here. He is a whole lot tougher now than he was before. His confidence factor is a lot higher now."

Cathey spoke of his classmate and teammate of the last four years, "Billy is a great guy who is fun to be around. He has an amazing ability to know when it's time to practice and when its time to cut loose."

An introspective Holsinger commented on his four years on the team. "When I came here as a freshman I was inexperienced and I have a lot more mat sense than I did before. Also, I think I've become more open-minded as a person since I came four years ago."

"Bill is the glue that has held the program together for the past four years. He is a leader who never hesitates to put the team's needs ahead of his own. He is the backbone of our team. He is also quite goofy, too," commented Yeasted.

Above all, "Bill is a super kid who is going to be missed," Coach Schleicher said.

National Wrestling Coaches Individual Rankings of Division III Schools: 149 lbs. class

1.	Garrett Kurth	Sr.	Luther College
2.	Andy Vogel	Jr.	Messiah College
3.	Jamell Tidwell	Fr.	Augsburg College
4.	Bill Holsinger	Sr.	Muhlenberg College
5.	Zak Kallai	So.	Case Western Reserve University
6.	Darrell Carr	Jr.	Manchester College
7.	Jeff Schmerbach	Fr.	Loras College
8.	Troy Fabry	So.	UW - LaCrosse

Alcohol Awareness Speaker and Student/Faculty Mixer

Wednesday, Jan. 30,
6:30-8:30 at Sigma Phi Epsilon

Refreshments available before and after speaker.

Mules set a new standard at Kutztown

Age not a factor in breaking records

By Pete Lankarge
Weekly Staff Writer

Seven feet: That was the old Muhlenberg record for the women's pole vault. Last Friday at the Kutztown meet, Freshman Meghan Douglas-Snyder shattered that record by vaulting herself nine feet into the air.

Coach Brad Hackett was not surprised. "When we recruited [Douglas-Snyder], we knew that she was going to help us a lot. I'm sure she's going to pole vault even higher later in the season."

Douglas-Snyder is just one of many strong additions to the Muhlenberg track program in this year's recruiting class, a class which includes Ashlie Hankee, Melissa Koberle and Carolyn Schoen. Hankee finished second in the 55 meters and 55 meters hurdles. Her time in the hurdles qualified her for the ECAC Championships. Koberle finished fourth in the 55 meters and fifth in the 200 meters. Schoen finished third in the 55 meter hurdles and also qualified for the ECAC Championships.

In his third season as head coach at the College, Hackett is optimistic about the future. "This is only my third recruiting class. Each year, our recruiting classes get stronger. We were dead last [in the Centennial Conference] two years ago. Each year, we keep placing higher and higher in the Conference. I think everything is in place to win the Conference maybe in the next year or two."

Freshman Amy Ratner seems to agree. "We have a lot of freshmen this year. We stick together and we're getting closer and closer. That should help us a lot. [This year's team has] already set new records and we're going to be much better than we were in the past. We'll be a much stronger team."

Indeed, the team has set new records this year. At the Kutztown meet alone, the women's team broke three school records. Douglas-Snyder's pole vault record was the first. After that, Hankee ran a 9.21 in the 55 meter hurdles to break the record which she herself had set the previous week at Lehigh in the John Covert Classic. Also, Senior Katie Garrett ran the 1000 meters in 3:27:17, four seconds better than the previous mark.

Next Saturday, Jan. 26, he team will participate in the Bison Open, hosted by Bucknell University. Hackett explained, "There will be some Division I schools there, and in theory, better competition. But during the regular season, we aren't really concerned with wins and losses because [in indoor track] there is no such thing."

Hackett is the chair of men's development in track for the entire country and has recently been named as the head manager of the United States team for the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) World Cup which will be held this upcoming September in Madrid, Spain.

Men's track not to be shown up by the women's sucess

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg men's track team made its presence known at the Kutztown Invitational on Friday, Jan. 18. While the women were breaking three school records, the men also erased a school record.

Sophomore Josh Cohen brought home a second place finish along with a new school record after recording a time of 38.20 seconds in the 300 meters.

Though the men did not break any other records that did not deter them having great finishes, Richard Kipp won first place in the 800m, with a time of 2:05.79. He was accompanied by Brian Cash, who in the 1000m also placed first bringing in a time of 2:46.96.

Sophomore Brian Cash placed first in the 1,000 meters.

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Joshua Boyer also had a standout day at Kutztown. Boyer had a second place finish in the triple jump after missing a school record by a mere five inches. However, with a mark of 44-0 he still managed to become an Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship qualifier, at what, for many, was the first meet of the season.

Both the men's and women's indoor track and field team will be back in action Friday, Jan. 26 in the Bison Open at Bucknell College.

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Women's basketball ranked top fifteen

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ment. "If we achieve this, we will make new goals from there, but we have to look at it one step at a time," said Rohn.

It has clearly been a dream season so far, on and off the court. "This team does great in the classroom as well. Although the team is young, there is such a great sense of leadership from our two senior captains [Lindsay St. Lawrence and Jen Risley]. [The Mules] have the best chemistry of any team I've been associated with. Everyone's willing to make everyone else better," said Rohn. Freshman Aril Bryant echoed coach Rohn, saying, "We are all very close and I think that's often why we do so well."

Prior to the loss against Swarthmore, the Mules had extended their winning streak to thirteen games by defeating Washington College at home. Muhlenberg defeated the Shorewomen by the final score of 86-59. The Mules won their seventeenth straight home game, further extending their school record. They set another school record by scoring over 70 points for the eighth consecutive time.

Washington was leading the Mules after the first nine minutes of the game, 22-21. But then the Mules opened up and ran off 17 consecutive points. Muhlenberg led by 14 points at the half. The Mules maintained their lead during the second half in part due to their rebounding. They outrebounded the Shorewomen 32-13 in the second half and 59-37 in the game.

Balanced scoring was the key to the team's success against Washington as three Mules finished with double-digit points. Sophomore Susan Marchiano had 18 points while fellow classmate Becky Richmond tied her career high with 16 points. Junior Randi Baran added 11 points of her own converting her first three three-point attempts.

Against Swarthmore on Saturday, the Mules dropped their first game of the season to the defending Centennial Conference champions. By virtue of their win, the Garnet took lone possession of the East division. The Mules did lead 19-13 a quarter of the way through the game, but then their field goal shooting went cold.

Swarthmore went on a run and scored 16 unanswered points. The Mules did score a few field goals toward the end of the half, but went into the locker room trailing the Garnet by six points, 29-23.

The Mules attempted to close the gap in the second half and came within one point on three separate occasions, the last coming with a little less than nine minutes in the game. Muhlenberg, who was tenth in Division III in scoring was held to a season low of 53 points.

Poor foul shooting also hurt the Mules as they went just 2-9 from the line.

Offensively, Becky Richmond led the Mules notching her team-leading fifth double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

The team has played a record breaking season so far this year and much is left to come. The women's basketball team has now completed fifteen of its twenty-four regular season games.

The Mules are on the road for the next three games before returning home on Saturday, Feb. 2 against John Hopkins. The Mules also get a rematch against the Garnet on Feb. 13, this time playing Swarthmore at home in Memorial Hall.

Saturday Sporting Events

Men's basketball at Western Maryland

Women's basketball at Western Maryland

Indoor track and field at Bison Open (Bucknell)

Lesko breaks into the Centenial Conference top ten scoring list

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tain their lead and defeat the Garnet by 16 points. Holden, who scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half, went a perfect 8-8 from the charity stripe, while the team overall was 22 of 26. "Aaron posted up real strong. He did a good job of drawing fouls," commented Madeira.

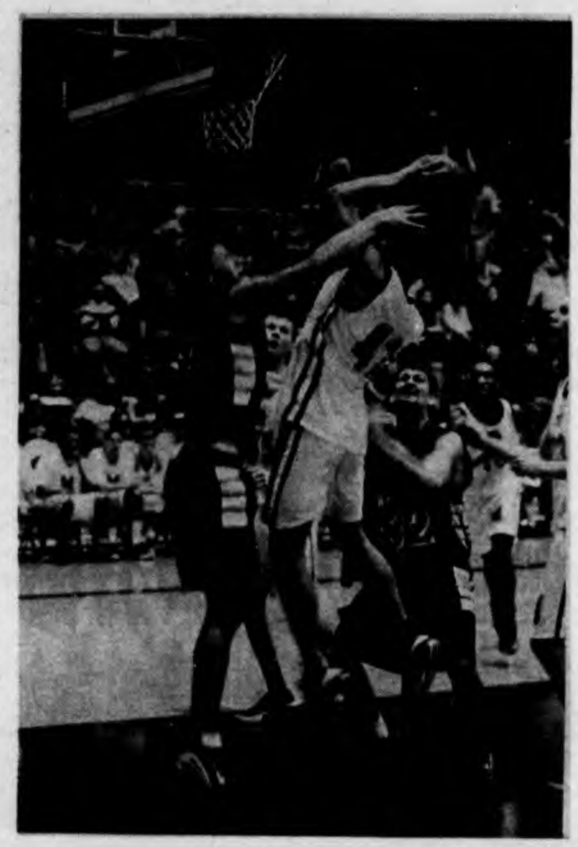
Lesko's 14 points moved him into a tie for 12th place on the all-time CC scoring list with a total of 1,250 points. He also blocked two shots placing him first on the all-time list in that statistical category at the College.

Prior to the Swarthmore victory, the Mules also topped Washington (MD) earlier this week. The Mules led by as many as nine points, but late in the first half, Washington went on a streak of nine unanswered points to take a two point lead into halftime, 33-31.

Washington maintained its lead early in the second half, but then the Mules went on an 18-4 run to open up a 13 point lead midway through the half.

Offensively, Lesko once again led the Mules with 24 points while Senior Bill Cwieka contributed 15 and Junior Anthony Strachan had 14. Strachan had 12 of his points in the second half and added eight rebounds and four assists.

The Mules, who sit atop the Centennial Conference East division, face CC West division opponent Western Maryland on Saturday away. They then return home to face Lehigh Valley rival DeSales on Monday at 8:00 p.m. Madeira, however, is looking no further ahead though than the Western Maryland game. He said, "DeSales will be a good game because they are a rival and having a good season, but we are focusing on Western Maryland as being an important league game."



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Captian Anthony Strachan went 6-11 from the field and 2-3 from the stripe in a win over Washington

Do you have school spirit? Then write for the Sports Section!

Contact Matt at x6408 or email at hmeyers@muhlenberg.edu or

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Scoreboard

Indoor Track
(first place finishes)
800m: Richard Kipp, 2:05.79
1000m: Brian Cash, 2:46.96

Women's Basketball
Wed., Jan. 16 vs. Washington, 86-59
Sat., Jan. 19 at Swarthmore, 53-65

Men's Basketball
Wed., Jan. 16 vs. Washington, 75-58
Sat., Jan. 19 vs. Swarthmore, 63-47

Wrestling
Thurs., Jan. 17 vs. Albright, 41-12
Sat., Jan. 19 at Johns Hopkins, 35-6
vs. Gettysburg, 32-12

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SPORTS

Wrestling moves to 13-5, 3-1 in the Conference

Mules extend unbeaten streak to eight consecutive matches

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

Shortly after the New Year, with the vast majority of Muhlenberg students still on Winter Break, the wrestling team kicked back into action in Hartford, Conn. at the North/South Duals on the campus of Trinity College.

Over the course of the next two weeks, no match this season would be complete unless Senior tri-captain Bill Holsinger (149) accomplished yet another feat in his final season at Muhlenberg. The latest addition to his resume was becoming the first wrestler in school history to reach 100 career wins.

The Mules notched five more overall team victories. In their home debut this semester, with their friends back in the stands, the Mules did not disappoint their fans and beat Albright, earning their sixth consecutive victory.

On Jan. 19, as the majority of the College Community spent the afternoon in the confines of their warm rooms, hiding from the snow, the wrestling team made the trek to Baltimore, Md. for a tri-match against Centennial Conference rivals Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg.

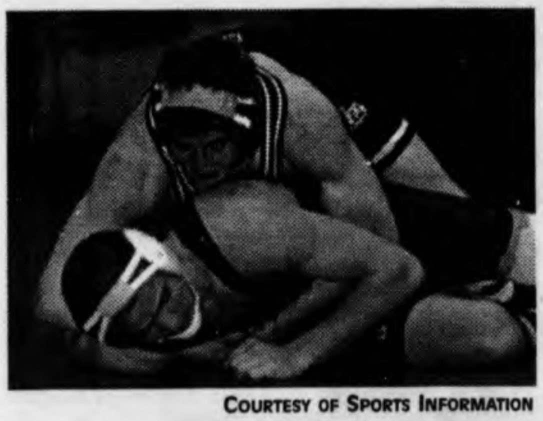
In their first match, the Mules handily defeated host Johns Hopkins. Pitted against the Jays, the Mules came away with a 35-6 victory.

In the second match of the day, the Bullets put up a bit more of a task but the Mules still came away with a hearty 32-12 victory. Seniors Bill Holsinger, Tyler Cathey and Andrew Faust all extended their winning streaks.

"We wrestled with a lot of energy and aggressiveness, which enabled us to win a majority of the [individual] matches," said Junior tri-captain Nate Yeasted.

The Mules' success in Baltimore is even more remarkable after looking at the team's grueling schedule over the last few weeks. According to Yeasted, the Mules have been, "wrestling with competitions almost every other day."

With their wins over Gettysburg and Hopkins, the Mules have a streak of eight wins in a row and an overall record of thirteen wins and five losses. Of the Mules success, Head Coach Tom Schleicher commented, "I can't complain, we have wrestled really well."



Courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Nate Yeasted went 1-1 in Baltimore as the Mules cruised to two victories.

Men's basketball continues winning ways, downing Swarthmore 63-47

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's basketball team cruised to its tenth straight victory on Saturday as the Mules crushed the Swarthmore Garnet 63-47. The Mules, who led by ten at the half, relied on solid defense and balanced scoring to defeat the Garnet and move to 5-1 in the Conference. The ten-game streak marks the ninth time the Mules have had a double-digit winning streak in program history.

Junior Aaron Holden and Senior Mark Lesko led the Mules offensively with 20 and 14 points, respectively. Holden tied a career high scoring total with his performance while Lesko notched his third double-double in less than a week.

The Mules never trailed in the game as they broke an early 4-4 tie by scoring eight unanswered points. The Mules did not look back and led by at least five points for the remainder of the game.

"We knew coming in that regardless of what the score was going to be, we were going to make a conscious effort to rest some of our starters," said head coach Dave Madeira. "We have to start developing a bench." The Mules achieved that goal as Lesko played just 28 minutes as opposed to the near 36 he had been averaging prior to Saturday's game.

At the start of the second half, the Mules, who led 31-21, began by trading baskets with the Garnet. Then, following a beautiful back door pass from Lesko to Junior Anthony Strachan, the Mules began to extend their lead. The lead reached sixteen points when Lesko converted two free throws with twelve minutes left in the game.

After extending the margin to sixteen, the Mules counted on their smothering defense to do the rest. With a little over eight minutes left in the game, the team turned to a half-court press, which forced a few key turnovers that led to Mule baskets. The defense also forced Swarthmore into taking some low percentage shots in an effort to beat the 24 second clock. Muhlenberg held the Garnet to just under 33 percent shooting from the field and kept them under 50 points, the first time the Mules have kept a Centennial Conference opponent under that threshold in three years.

"Our defense was very good," said Madeira. "We took away the post-up, which is a big part of their offense."

The Mules' accurate free throw shooting down the stretch enabled them to main-

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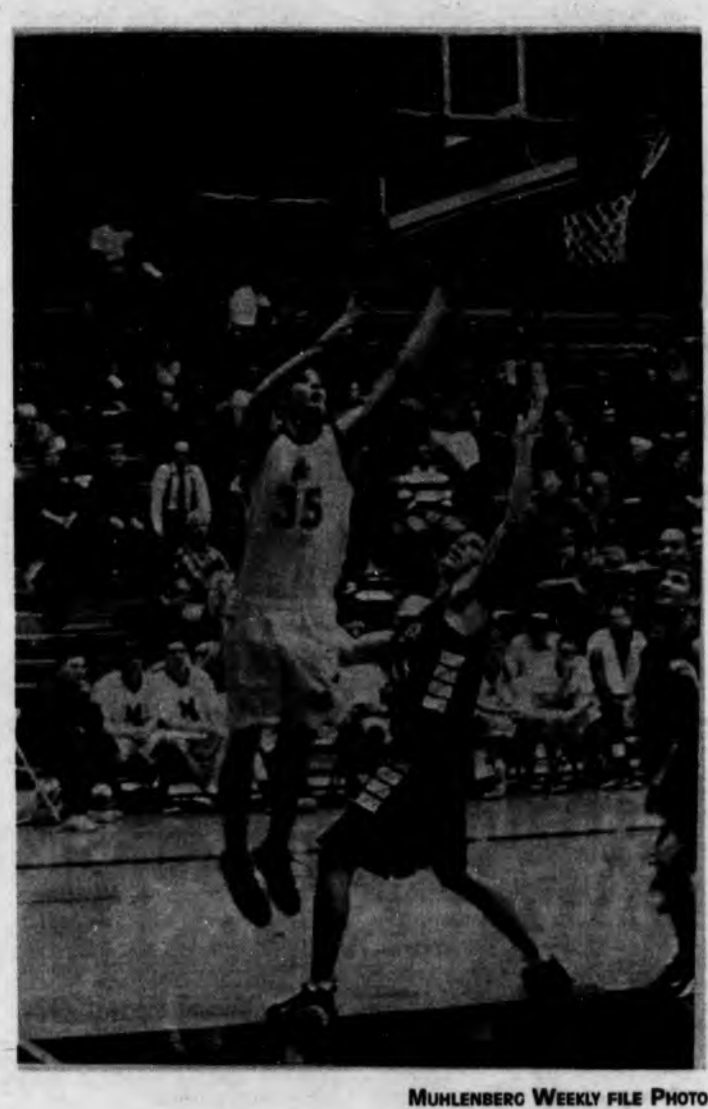

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Mark Lesko started slowly, but rallied to finish with 24 points, a career-high 18 rebounds and a school-record-tying six blocked shots against Washington (MD).

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Pub Night shuttle bus

Banana Joe's sponsers a shuttle for over-21 students to Pub Night

BY KELLY LEHMAN
News Editor

Last semester, students over 21 had to drive to Senior Pub Night, an event sponsored by Student Council, on Thursday nights. But tonight, students won't need to designate a driver if they pay a dollar to ride the shuttle service that Banana Joe's is providing. The shuttle will start transporting students from the Center for the Arts to the nightclub at 10:30 p.m. and will leave approximately every 30 minutes. The last trip back to the Center for the Arts from Banana Joe's will be at 1:45 a.m. Students must present proper identification (ID) and college ID before boarding the shuttle.

Banana Joe's, formerly Gillian's, was interested in the idea of sponsoring a shuttle. Student Council had been trying to establish a transportation service to pub nights for a few years. According to Elias Saratovsky, Student Council President, Council began discussions with the Dean of Students' Office and several local bars about the possibility of implementing a pub night shuttle at the beginning of the school year. One

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Student rides with Campus Safety

Following is a first-person narrative of one student's Ride Along Program experience. By Jay Jensen.

Jay Jensen with Campus Safety Sergeant James Fritts.
PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

So, it was Saturday night, and I'm sitting at work in downtown Allentown at 10:00 p.m. What a great night to spend as a college Junior at Muhlenberg. The only thing that was different this night was that I was going to have the opportunity to take part in the Ride Along Program with Muhlenberg Campus Safety. I wasn't really sure how this was going to pan out in the end. When I got out of work, I did my nightly WaWa run, then headed over to Campus Safety -- the one place I would never want to find myself late on a Saturday night.

The Ride Along Program began two years ago in an effort to allow College faculty and staff to see the ways that Campus Safety protect the campus on at night. Though not well publicized, it is another way for the campus community to get a taste of the way our school operates. As part of the program, anyone that participates must be willing to comply with certain rules that are associated with this type of job. They are mainly there to place the student out of harm's way. (Let's face it, we can't be the annoying cameramen from the T.V. show *COPS* that are constantly in the way.)

I had the opportunity to ride around with Ken Lupole, the director of Campus Safety, and Chip Hurd, Director of Greek Affairs. The only bad part about this is that I had to ride in the back seat. Meaning, when I passed students walking around, they probably thought that I was busted.

Initially, I stayed quiet until I got a feel for what was happening. I was given the basic run-down of the areas that Campus Safety (C.S.) patrols, and also the many ways that C.S. interacts with Allentown police forces. We drove through all of the local areas as a general patrol. After an hour or so, I began to have a multitude of questions to ask these guys.

As a Greek on campus, I have spent two years trying to understand what motivates C.S. to come down and bust a house of people having a good time. I never understood what the problem was. But as an outside observer, I now had the opportunity to ask the questions many people around here wonder about.

Talking to Lupole one-on-one, I found that there are constant underlying currents that force C.S. to do these things. As a patrolling organization, the responsibilities do not end with the students of the College. I was amazed to find out that in most situations, C.S. approaches a party not because of the possibility of a minor drinking, but mainly in response to neighbors and other people outside of the College Community

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Finances improve with better credit rating

BY LAUREN WIESNER
Asst. News Writer

Moody's Investor Service acknowledged the College's improved credit by upgrading its credit rating from A2 to A1. The change will help the College by informing the public about Muhlenberg's improving credit. Such an upgrade can bring forth savings in lower interest rates and insurance premiums for the College. $30 million of total debt will be affected by the credit upgrade.

The upgrade to A1 reflects the steady increase in enrollment and improved student demand of the College in the competitive college market. Operating performance, balance sheet resources and expected fundraising growth are all other factors taken into consideration for the upgrade.

"A better rating upgrade leads to cost savings," commented Kent Dyer, the College's Treasurer and Vice-President for Finance. The College can negotiate a lower insurance premium if the bond issue is insured.

If the College decides to issue a bond on the rating alone, the interest the bond bears will be lower because of the higher rating.

After reviewing financial statements and meeting with College officials in February 2001, Moody's and Standard and Poor (S&P) upgraded the credit rating. S&P increased the College's rating in April 2001, and Moody's has waited until recently to release their higher rating.

President Taylor, Dean of Admissions Christopher Hooker-Haring and Dyer met with the corporation representatives to review the College's number of applicants, acceptance rates and matriculation rates.

All of the financial statements of the College were compared to other colleges. The higher rating expresses the expectation by the agencies of manageable debt levels, continued strong operating performance and stable enrollment.

> *"The upgrade reinforces that the College is moving in the right direction"*
> Kent Dyer,
> Treasurer and V.P. of Finance

"The upgrade reinforces that the College is moving in the right direction in terms of demand (admissions), financial health and strength," said Dyer.

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Shuttle service on Senior Pub Night provides safety and convenience

It is with the highest degree of enthusiasm that The Weekly reports the unveiling of a shuttle bus for Senior Pub Night. Since Senior Pub Night is, by definition, an alcohol-related function, such a shuttle is critical for the safety for all students who participate. Such an alternative form of transportation should be welcomed, encouraged and given the requisite support from the College Community for a continued existence.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2000, 40 percent of all car accident fatalities were alcohol-related. Moreover, in a report published by the Core Institute, statistics show that over 35 percent of college students surveyed have driven under the influence of alcohol. It is with these figures that the vital importance of such shuttle buses may be seen.

Such an alternative form of transportation should be welcomed, encouraged and given the requisite support from the College Community for a continued existence.

Instead of opening up the potential for driving under the influence by forcing students to drive to and from Pub Nights, this potential should be managed and nearly eliminated. The most obvious way to prevent students from driving under the influence is to provide an alternative form of transportation. Therefore, this program is convenient as well. Students will no longer have to worry about finding designated drivers in these scenarios. As an event where alcohol is a main attraction, for the very safety of their lives, the availability of alternative forms of transportation is welcomed and encouraged.

The Weekly hopes that Student Council and the College's administration will continue to maintain shuttle busing to and from Senior Pub Nights, and for all such events in the future. It is through a constant pursuit of providing such alternatives that the safety of the lives of Muhlenberg's students of drinking age may be preserved, the roads may be made safer and the College Community can contribute to a reduction in alcohol-related crash fatalities.

Oil conflict among nations

LUCAS
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REGARDING
THE NEWS

In this Sunday's issue of *The New York Times* appeared an article entitled "Tempted by oil, Russia Draws Ever Closer to Iraq." Written by reporter Michael Wines, the article discusses Lukoil -- Russia's biggest oil company – and their contract with Iraq to develop Iraq's West Quara oil field, which is estimated to be a $20 billion project. Leonud Fedun, Vice President of Development at Lukoil, has begun to express his concerns that, with the United States openly discussing the removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from office, the project could fall through the cracks.

Saddam Hussein's leadership over the Iraqi peoples is detrimental to both theirs, and the rest of the world's well being.

Mr. Fedun's concerns are legitimate ones, yet he must take into account that the slowly developing alliance between Russia and the United States has to be treated with fragility. For him to continue relations with Iraq would cause Washington to question the authenticity of Russia's relationship with the United States, and so it would be wise for the company to sever all ties with Hussein's government. Such a decision would provide officials in Washington with the assurance that the United States and Russia are true allies, but for the government to allow the largest oil manufacturer in the nation to have any involvement with Iraq would be testing our friendship with them.

As the US and Russian governments continue on their road to forming a solid partnership, the United States and Iraq remain at odds with each other. Dating back to the pre-desert storm era, Washington and the American public knew of the threats that Saddam Hussein's leadership posed to Iraq and the rest of the world, and since then we've been consistent in our feelings toward him. As the World Trade Towers collapsed to the ground on Sept. 11, the first suspicion on a majority of people's minds was that Osama Bin-Laden was the mastermind, but as events and stories unfolded, more and more people began to suspect Mr. Hussein's involvement. Questions of his involvement aside, Saddam·Hussein's leadership over the Iraqi peoples is detrimental to both their and the rest of the world's, well being. There is absolutely no reason that the United States should call themselves allies with a nation that is doing any type of business with the Iraqi government, whether it be strictly financial or not.

Among many other things, the article discusses some of the Kremlin's arguments against our government's concerns. They say that it hasn't been proven that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction or supporting terrorism against any global

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Vegetarians: the overlooked minority

JORDANA
TRENCHER
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JUST MY
OPINION

Food makes everything better. When you are sick with a sore throat and all you want is your voice back, warm strawberry mango tea is the instant remedy. And after a long week of bio exams and English papers, waffles and frozen yogurt somehow make you forget about all of the past week's stresses. It's not a surprise, then, that when visiting colleges, the oftentimes most pressing question is, "Is the food good?" Especially after leaving the comforts of mom's mac and cheese, along with her other home specialties that just can't be replicated by simply reading off of the recipe card.

Clearly, there are more substantial factors that determine the overall character of any given college or university. However, the measure of the school food's edibility will always remain high on my list. And yet, while it is undoubtedly important that the school food leaves you coming back for more, it is even more meaningful that the dining room administration makes conscious efforts to improve their food selections by listening to the students' requests and by doing their best to accommodate their needs.

...I have come to truly appreciate the vegetarian options, especially those that are new additions to the dining hall menus.

Over the past few months, the General Quarters, more popularly known as the GQ to Muhlenberg students, has made considerable attempts to pay close attention to student appeals and in many cases, they have changed their menu accordingly. As a committed Jewish student who keeps Kosher on campus, I have come to truly appreciate the vegetarian options, especially those that are new additions to the dining hall menus. Last year, a vegetarian student asked for garden burgers as a supplement to the grill, and as a result of her own initiative and the administration's flexibility in catering to student needs, veggie burgers have now become a popular request among grill selections. Also, only recently, pre-packaged vegetarian sushi has been introduced in response to a student petition. Even a salad bar filled with a variety of fruits and vegetables has been implemented as a weekend replacement to the action station. All of these additions provide as refreshing alternatives to the tuna on wheat and cheese wrap.

While I have been highly pleased with all of these new vegetarian options, I am even more appreciative of the food administration's concern with the student body and their personal qualms and requests. I feel confident that future student requests will be taken seriously and answered quickly, as further demonstrated on the Garden Room's comment board. My only current qualm is that there isn't always a vegetarian option in the soup selections. However, I am extremely satisfied with the other present food selections and am excited for upcoming new additions to the daily menus. Maybe one day the soup stand will have cream of tomato next to French onion. Until then, I will continue enjoying my garden burgers, veggie sushi and even my everyday tuna on wheat and cheese wrap.

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Originality takes the cake

EVAN HALPERIN

NUGGETS FOR KNOWLEDGE

It's unfortunate that we live during a time where people are not strong enough to be who they really are. When I observe the general public, most people don't really seem to be their own individual. The majority of people transform themselves into what they feel is the "norm." Instead of trying to become a mirror image of who you see, you should try and be who you really are. As hard as this transformation may be, you must strive for individuality.

It is hard to comprehend that people don't care how they actually act -- they are only mindful of how others see them. Most people who feel they have been outcast will change themselves to fit in. For some, this change is unneeded. These people created a false façade from the get go, preventing themselves from ever feeling ostracized.

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Looking back on high school, it is quite apparent that most people set themselves in a group or clique and never cared to realize how they acted as a collective group. In some respects this is a "social food chain." By this I mean that some people would not associate with or even talk to those outside their stratum. There seems to be a total disregard for the bottom feeders, without any genuine reason. What seems to be the reason for this disdain? Probably because these people are afraid they will ruin their own self-image. Amazing, isn't it?

Some people are content with similarity and don't really seem to understand that being your own person is vital to building a foundation for the rest of your life. It is seemingly impossible to live a life in which you base your belief on the views of others. You can't live in someone else's shoes, so to speak. There comes a point where you must be objective and think independently. Leading a life where people tell you how and what to think is like living a sham.

While some act in this fashion intentionally, there are those who unfortunately find themselves in a situation where it is inevitable. It is understandable to move into a new school environment and want to fit in. Sometimes the sheer fear of being rejected leads individuals to seek shelter with people like themselves. In doing this, they often must make sacrifices and changes to allow themselves to fit into their social groups. While some don't mind changing to fit in, I think you should think about what you do before you do it. Sometimes you become something you will eventually regret.

Why do people really watch the Super Bowl?

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

One Sunday in late January, or in this case early February, Americans gather together at each other's homes or at the local bar to root for a team in the Super Bowl. It's a time for family and friends to bond over sports, food and heated competition, but why do people really watch? Is the game itself as important to the viewers as who performs at the half-time show or whether the team playing is from their state or not? It seems that on Super Bowl Sunday, the whole country stops and focuses on the game, but maybe it's not the game that is so important, just the fact that everyone else is watching it.

Especially at a time like this, when our country is trying to rebuild itself after the tragedy of Sept. 11, most citizens take great pride in doing something that is purely American, and nothing personifies that better than football. Even I, who usually can't stand the game, was looking forward to getting together with my friends and knowing that most people all over the country were doing the exact same thing. It brought another significance to the game that it hasn't had in years past. In fact, the game is almost secondary to the meaning behind it.

Maybe this is a little bit stereotypical, but most women aren't too fond of football. There are exceptions to the rule, but a majority of the fans at games happen to be men. The question is, when asked, why do so many women watch the Super Bowl? The answer last year might have had to do with the half-time show. Performers were brought in to entice viewers not normally drawn to sports. Many people, especially teenagers, tuned in to see 'N Sync and Britney Spears and couldn't have cared any less about the actual game itself. In addition to this, how many people watch just to see the new TV commercials that will be unveiled? The Super Bowl has become one of the greatest media of advertising and promotion and has become less of a focus on the athletic ability that it once used to be.

I am not trying to say that the game isn't still the central part of the event. Of course football still remains the integral part but over the years, in order to get more people involved, the day has transformed itself into more of a spectacle then just a game. People who watch don't just watch to see who scores the touchdown, they watch to see who performs when and what they are wearing. This isn't necessarily a bad thing if it brings people together, but it seems for those who are the "hardcore" fans, all this glitz and glitter may be a little too much to handle. I can honestly say that I'm not watching for the football itself. What are you watching for?

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is a first-year student.

Judaism: more than a social affair

Hannah Margoles
Weekly Guest Columnist

Despite the fact that Muhlenberg College is a Lutheran school, its population is about 33 percent Jewish. Everyone knows that Hillel is a big part of many of the activities on campus. Muhlenberg's chapter of Hillel, as well as its director, Patti Mittleman, have won awards for its success. Hillel always works hard to make accommodations for students who are stuck on campus during the high holidays, as well as the parties celebrating other holidays that occur during the school year.

The monthly bagel brunches are attended by students of all faiths. What college student could pass up the opportunity for free bagels, fruit, juice and donuts on a Sunday morning? Also, another program that attracts all types of students is "Mitzvah Day." This is an annual campus-wide community service day. Many Jewish students also work at local Hebrew schools as teachers, junior congregation leaders, sports coaches, youth group leaders and tutors. There are numerous opportunities and ways for Jews to be involved in Hillel, the Muhlenberg campus, as well as the community at large.

However, academically speaking, students are somewhat limited. There is no Jewish Studies major at Muhlenberg. Students are only offered a minor in Jewish studies, which is growing in its popularity. It entails choosing six of thirteen classes listed in the course catalog. However, this is deceiving. One of the classes listed is never offered. The only political science class that could be considered for the minor is called "Governments and Politics of the Middle East." The problem that exists, I have been told, is

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Weekly Discourse: US intervention in Iraq

Necessary course of action or avoidable?

Elizabeth N. Raupers

Weekly Columnist

Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen, to the Gulf War, round two. Many critics argue that the sequel to anything is always the better version and when it comes to the US's conflict with Iraq, I tend to agree. After a series of complete messes (namely Vietnam and the Gulf Wars), the US has more than the principles of capitalism, chivalry or oil riggs on the line. Terrorists have emerged, attacked the US and have been identified with several groups that can be located in Iraq. Entering Iraq and securing those implicated persons are not acts of divine vengeance, but those of sheer protection against individuals and organizations who vow to strike again against the innocent.

In the history of prominent western civilization, the United Nations has been an instrument of tremendous utility and value. Since its institution in 1945, the UN has smoothed over hundreds of potentially catastrophic situations between conflicting nations, and continues to maintain positive causes and good intentions towards world peace and the maintenance of human rights. However, now we find that the UN is standing in the way of the United States taking any actions against Iraq. It seems ironic that the United Nations could grant so much leeway to the US during the Gulf War, when our oil economy was at risk at the fall of Kuwait, but shuns any action after the United States has experienced direct attacks. The United Nations, and the 189 nations it includes, has a primary goal: to uphold its Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was proclaimed as a General Assembly Resolution in December 1948. The very first article in this resolution states that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights," which is followed and elaborated in the second article that states "without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, property, birth or other status." Given the principles of this declaration, I find it hard to have complete trust in UN's decision to ignore Saddam Hussein's blatantly brutal and ongoing genocide of the Kurds, along with his producing and harboring nuclear and biochemical weapons, and his repeated denials of United Nations inspections. To say that Saddam Hussein has followed UN regulations is similar to proclaiming Osama Bin Laden's actions as diplomatic or humane. Needless to say, in reference to distinction of "sex" one can surmise with a fair accuracy that women in Iraq are not being treated with respect to equality.

When the United Nations strives to protect the value of Iraq as a nation, I cannot imagine what in that nation is being safeguarded, with exception of the property itself, as virtually every institution in Iraq is penetrated throughout with the poison of Hussein's dictatorship. That the United Nations could uphold property rights over human rights is a direct violation of the very foundations of the organization itself, an organization revered for its devotion to peace. The United States has a cause now, one that does not bargain over the price of peace, a cause that should be met with recognition and understanding within the United Nations.

Allison Newman

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

George Bush announced his intent to take over Iraq and thrust the country and its people into the war on terrorism. Moscow, the United Nations and China, however, did not believe that Iraq had any ties with the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington D.C. Therefore, there is no reason for their involvement. The UN has also made it clear that decisions of further retaliatory attacks against terrorists by the US must first be okayed by them. Moscow is now proposing an agreement with Iraq to let troops into their country, which they are very positive about as of now.

China also suggests that the anti-terrorism battle should not be expanded at random. China has supported America with their fight against Afghanistan and terrorism, but they also have close financial and political ties with Iraq, Iran and North Korea. They also believe that there is no proof that says that these nations support terrorism and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Many of our European allies feel that there is a distinction between attacking Afghanistan and attacking other countries like Iraq, Iran and North Korea. Attacking Afghanistan can be justified as self-defense, while attacking other countries may be seen as killing people that may be innocent and have no ties with terrorism whatsoever.

The German defense minister, Rudolf Scharping, is favoring political strategy over the military strategy. He feels that a US-led attack against Iraq would kill innocent people and is making this campaign more anti-middle east than anti-terrorism. Now if we talk with Iraq and try to make a deal with them, then we might be able to reach our objectives without violence. Britain's prime minister, Tony Blair, is also trying to stop Bush from taking a military action against Iraq because there is no apparent connection between Iraq and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Russia's defense minister, Sergei Ivanov, said, "Not many people in the West like the fact that we have some commercial ties with the countries which you describe as rogue states. Well, we don't like some of your allies like Saudi Arabia or gulf states that give finance to terrorist organizations." It is apparent that Bush's goal is to attack nations that are not allied with the US, who might gives funds to terrorist groups, but he seems to be able to ignore US allies who also might give money to terrorist associations, such as Pakistan and Egypt. Bush is holding a double standard to these nations by saying that one side's actions are permissible because they are our allies, but the other side, who is performing the same actions, will be punished for their political and economic beliefs.

Bush should not start a military strike against Iraq for many reasons. If the US military attempts to attack Iraq, then they will be killing many people who have nothing to do with terrorism. Also, if Bush attacks Iraq, then many US allies in the United Nations may become uneasy with the nation's stance and might not help as much, or even at all, with this war. It might also sever ties with nations that could be useful to us in this, our time of need.

Allison Newman is a sophomore.

Expanding the curriculum

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that there is no professor qualified to teach the class and that there is little interest among the students. In reference to the idea of minute interest, I beg to differ. I am sure that many political science majors and minors would be extremely interested in this class as well as the Jewish Studies minors and even students who simply want to study this topic.

Another class worth mentioning is Hebrew language. It is offered by the foreign language department, but it is not very extensive. The levels extend from elementary one to intermediate two, which is the only one of the Hebrew classes that can be contributed to the Jewish studies minor. What about the students who are not as advanced in the language or the students who are qualified for a higher level of study? A majority of the students that take intermediate Hebrew have had previous experience studying it. They should be in a higher level, such as conversational and compositional Hebrew, which Muhlenberg does not have. This forces them to be in the same class as students who are below their level.

For example, I am currently taking intermediate Hebrew two, when in reality I should be in conversational and compositional Hebrew, along with half of my class. The professor had to split our class in half as a result of the clearly distinct levels of the students. Instead of having an hour of class a day, we have a half hour. It is supposed to be more intensive, but honestly, how much can be done in half an hour of class time? Maybe if more time and effort was invested in the development of the program Muhlenberg currently offers, many more students could be benefited by extending and intensifying their education that much more as a result. The interest is there; it just needs some more attention paid to it.

International tensions rise

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actors, but do we really need proof? Is it a secret to anyone that Saddam Hussein and his followers are an equal threat to our government, or even more so, than Osama Bin-Laden? No, it's not. Desert storm may be an occurrence of the past, but Hussein still poses as much of a threat now as he did ten years ago.

It's understandable that Russia is in this because of the profits to be made, but they must keep in mind the message that they convey when they allow themselves to be involved with someone as evil as Hussein. It's unfortunate that Lukoil's pursuit of such a large profit puts them in the middle of the American-Iraqi conflict, but if Russia's loyalty really is with the United States, they will put a halt on all operations in Iraq and not allow themselves to be linked in any way with Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government.

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SigEp hosts representative from "Campuspeak"

Michael Ficchi '03 hands speaker a gift from the fraternity. (above)

Mike Saratovsky '04, Joe Levey '04 and Russ Miller '04 listen enthusiastically to the speech. (below)

Photos by Lindsey Aspinall

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted a risk management guest speaker at their fraternity house on Wednesday, Jan. 30th. The catered event was open to the entire College campus.

The speaker, David Stollman, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is a Sigma Phi Epsilon alum. Michael Ficchi '03, Muhlenberg's Sigma Phi Epsilon president, hired Stollman through "Campuspeak," an organization that sends out speakers to colleges across the nation to speak on a variety of topics. Stollman's speech focused on risk management and the dangers involved in alcohol consumption. "This speaker will hopefully inform the campus of the dangers involved when substances are abused," Ficchi said.

Most of the speech focused on cautionary steps that Stollman advised students to take during social events where alcohol is present. He appealed to the greeks at the event, emphasizing the importance of protecting their brothers and sisters and maintaining a safe environment for non-greek guests to their house. Stollman's presentation was interactive, keeping the audience attentive and engaged throughout. He shared stories of tragedy, again stressing the risks involved when consuming alcohol.

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>
> Michael Ficchi

"We are all members of a community -- whether it be a college community or a greek community," Stollman said, "and that automatically makes us responsible for each other." Ficchi spoke of the night as a "good opportunity for both Greeks and independents to come together." While no faculty attended, all four Muhlenberg sororities were represented at the event.

Sig Ep brothers had the opportunity to speak privately with Stollman after other guests had left the house. Both Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers and Stollman agreed that risk management is certainly not an issue affecting just greeks. Brothers said they left feeling much more informed on the risk management concerns Stollman discussed. Attendant and Sigma Phi Epsilon Brother, Michael Geller '04 pointed out, "There is always the possibility that I could be in a situation where I could use the advice given by our speaker. I found the presentation informative and enjoyable."

Brothers also enjoyed when Stollman jokingly threw around some of the stereotypes associated with greek life, like fraternity boys being macho or being anti-social with the rest of the school. He also mentioned sorority stereotypes, such as being stuck-up and rude. The

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Campus Safety ride along

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Jay Jensen and Sergeant James Fritts getting into the Patrol car.

Photo by Kelly Lehman

who express their concern. Actually, these people are technically considered to be part of our College Community, since they live within its confines and interact with students. Lupole mentioned that as an officer he simply has to regulate the area to maintain the quality of life within the community.

I went further to ask what Campus Safety's feelings about fraternities on this campus are. Lupole felt as though frats are a tradition of colleges and universities that have been a means for social interaction, community services and overall fun. This tradition should never die, Lupole added. He sees frats as something that makes the College better, but he also notes there's room for improvement.

> *I have a new found respect for a job I knew nothing about.*

As organizations on campus, Greeks must adhere to the campus policies. As some of the student leaders on campus, and a decent sector of the campus community, Greeks have the ability to work with the campus in dictating its rules. C.S. is in charge of ensuring these rules are followed in a relatively consistent pattern.

By taking part in this program, I was able to gain an understanding of where C.S. is coming from. I don't agree with all policies, and in my mind, I think students should be trusted a little more than they are. Students are not all drunks who do nothing but drink away the college experience. However, we must prove that we are responsible to the people we hang out with and also to the people in the surrounding neighborhood. The action of one person can affect an entire campus.

My Saturday night with C.S. wasn't that bad. It was better than sitting around my room, hanging out with four other overgrown apes watching *Gone in 60 Seconds* – again. I got to see the view from the other side. Plus, the ride made for great questions in the GQ the next day.

I have a newfound respect for a job I knew nothing about. I understand now that it doesn't help to argue about "why" it has to be that way, but now "what" can I do to make it better? If you disagree with me, try taking part in this program. You may still see things differently, but at least you will have seen the other side of the story.

Shuttle bus for Pub Night

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semester later, the service will begin with this trial run.

Because the College has no direct involvement with the shuttle, any Muhlenberg student over the age of 21 may ride the shuttle. Banana Joe's will charge students a round trip fee of one dollar to offset the costs of the shuttle.

"Students must understand that they are responsible for their own actions while using the shuttle service," said Saratovsky. Banana Joe's will provide security personnel to ride the shuttle and to maintain what they consider to be respectable behavior by students.

Tonight is a trial run for the service and Banana Joe's reserves the right to discontinue their service at any time. Saratovsky reminded The Weekly that the success of the shuttle depends upon student support and responsibility.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – The owners of a 7-Eleven on Hanover Avenue in Allentown called for increased neighborhood police patrols Sunday, one day after a 23-year-old Bethlehem man was gunned down outside their store. Gary Williams of 530 E. Fourth St. was shot around 3 a.m. Saturday behind the 7-Eleven at 1101 Hanover Ave. Arun and Suman Balla, who own the 7-Eleven, said they woke up early Saturday to the sound of gunshots not far from their Kiowa Street home, which is about a block from their store.

Northampton County – The parishioners at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Wilson got their first look at the inside of their new church Sunday in Palmer Township, built to accommodate the 2,500 families of one of the largest Catholic parishes in Northampton County. As they entered, parishioners sat beneath three large, cavernous roofs and before a gleaming altar of black and white marble. "So many thoughts and words and feelings come to my mind, but the most important of these words is 'Thank You'," Monsignor Gerald Gobitas, pastor of St. Jane's, told nearly 1,500 packed into the polished wooden pews. Sunday's Mass was a ceremony designed to transform the building into a house of worship.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers
High: 42 Low: 23	High: 40 Low: 20	High: 45 Low: 26

Operation Enduring Freedom

Tuesday, February 5

Captured American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh was indicted on Tuesday on 10 charges, including conspiracy to kill Americans in Afghanistan. The "tattered and torn" U.S. flag that flew over New York's World Trade Center will be raised at Friday's opening ceremony at the 2002 Winter Games, the U.S. Olympic Committee said on Tuesday. The World Olympic Committee convened this week to announce that the Taliban will be allowed to have its own Olympic team, but said that they would only be allowed to compete in the skeet-shoot, where they would be the targets.

Monday, February 4

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld conceded on Monday that U.S. troops may have killed "friendly" Afghan forces in a raid north of Kandahar last month but declined to comment on reports that U.S. troops had already apologized and paid compensation. The FBI has joined the hunt for kidnapped U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl, Pakistan's interior minister said on Monday.

Sunday, February 3

A body found near the Pakistani city of Karachi was not that of kidnapped Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, the newspaper and the Karachi police chief said early on Monday. Yasser Arafat, besieged by Israeli tanks and under U.S. pressure to rein in militants, pledged in remarks published on Sunday to put an end to attacks on Israeli civilians by Palestinians he described as terrorists.

Compiled by Dan Engelberg

Through the lens: The Boot

On Academic Row, Campus Safety has immobilized students' cars with outstanding parking tickets.

PHOTO BY GRETA BERGSTRESSER

Student recruiting in Allentown

BY LAUREN WIESNER AND WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editors

A program called EUREKA!, a successful student recruiting and retention program for the Lehigh Valley, has been created by the Digital District's Education Committee and the Muhlenberg College Institute of Entrepreneurship. The EUREKA! program recruits local high tech companies and helps design student projects at each of the participating organizations. Many students from the College's Entrepreneurial Studies Programs are mentoring students from the Allentown School District. The students work in teams to find creative solutions for the EUREKA! projects.

Pamela Varkony, Co-chair of the Allentown Digital District Steering Committee, has secured the grant for this project. "We believe the level of local involvement and support we've received demonstrates the project is right on target," she said. "Arista Biologicals, Bio Med Science, Fastnet, AniMotion, Just Born, Micro Publishing, Benchmark Analytics and Applied Separations all have teams of college and high school students."

The intention for the EUREKA! project is to act as a model for retaining college and high school students as future Digital District employees. "One of the most difficult problems facing high tech companies is recruiting and retaining new employees," says Gerald Whartenby, Director of the EUREKA! project. "Studies in Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta have shown that few graduating high school and college students think about job hunting in their school's location. High tech development depends in part on showing these students the advantages of building their careers locally."

Muhlenberg Senior Marah Ritchey said, "Until I began working with Fastnet, it never even occurred to me to consider a career in Allentown, but with a web project up and running, I think this may be the place to be!"

The Digital District is a corporate venture between the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC), Lehigh Carbon Community College, Muhlenberg College, local businesses and the Allentown School District.

The projects include web development, pre-clinical medical research, new product development, graphic design, and textile experimentation.

Training and developing local talent and keeping high-quality workers is the primary goal of the LVEDC.

Sig Ep hosts speaker

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speaker went on to say that these stereotypes were of course not true, but explained how people may get a false impression of greeks. During the speech, greeks had the opportunity to speak out about these stereotypes and why they didn't like them. The added that these generalizations were false. Sig Ep brothers said they hoped these stereotypes were not placed on their fraternity. Stollman then seriously explained how stereotypes may be formed and how to avoid them. Geller quoted, "I liked it when the speaker talked about the stereotypes often placed on greeks and how they may be created. My brothers and I realize that our actions don't just affect this house. The speaker merely affirmed this fact for me."

Sigma Phi Epsilon, which has participated in many past community events such as the AIDS Walk and helping out at a soup kitchen hopes to continue to host campus community events. Brothers said they enjoyed the opportunity to unite members of the campus over such an important issue at their own house. Ficchi stated, "In the future, we plan on continuing to host such events to keep the information flowing."

Anthrax precautions persist in the mailroom

By Courtney Sessa
Weekly News Writer

Mary Ellen Paulus is the Supervisor of the mailroom and had never dealt with anything so scary in her 15 years at Muhlenberg.

"That Monday morning (after the first anthrax finding) anthrax was the topic of conversation," Paulus explained. "No one knew much about it, which was the scariest thing about it."

President Taylor visited the mailroom to show his support for the workers while the anthrax scare swept the U.S. in October. He told them that the campus was thinking especially of them and that there was counseling available to those who wished to speak about it.

"Educating ourselves on the disease was the first thing we had to do to make anthrax less of an unknown scare."

Mary Ellen Paulus

"We were all touched that President Taylor came over. It meant a lot to know that there were resources available to us," Paulus said.

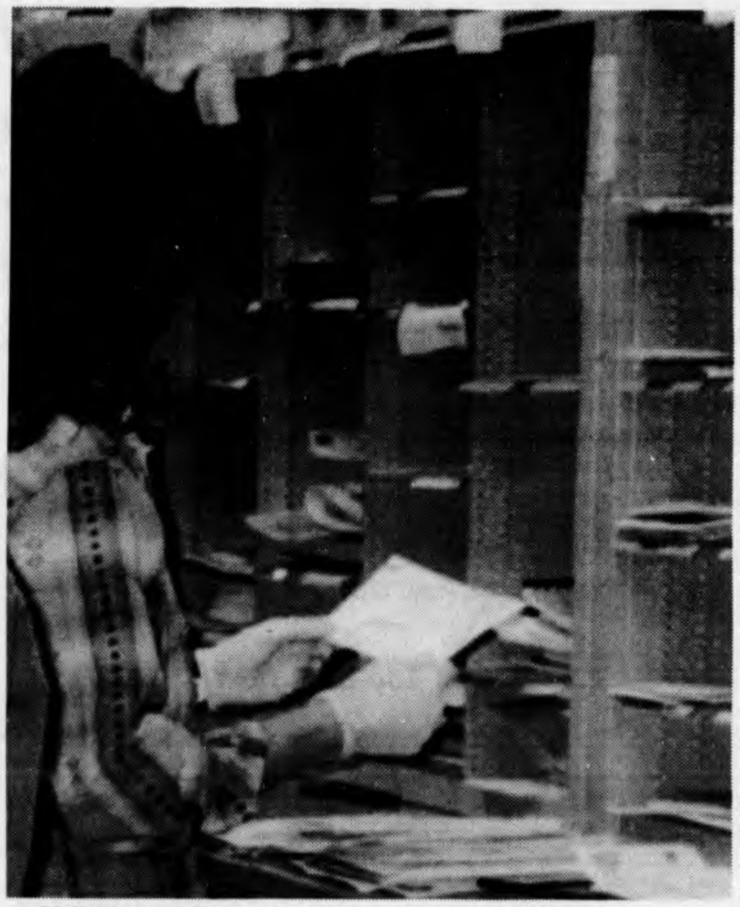
That same week Sam Miranda, Director of the Health Center, called the mailroom to make sure they knew that the Health Center was available to the mail room's staff. Rubber gloves were sent to the mailroom: a precaution Paulus insisted on.

Paulus and her staff were particularly interested when the Allentown Post Office called to offer not only their support, but to also encourage the use of their website.

Paulus explained that she logged on to their website and was able to be updated on any new knowledge about anthrax as well as where the latest case was discovered. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) also posts their information on the site.

"The website was very resourceful to us," Paulus said. "I was able to download posters about anthrax as well as order a video about anthrax." The posters are hanging throughout the mailroom.

The video, entitled *Protecting Mailrooms from Biological Threats,* was shown to the entire staff. Paulus took the right steps towards creating a safe and aware working environment for her staff.



Mailroom workers wear gloves as a precautionary measure.

Photo by Greta Bergstresser

"Educating ourselves on the disease was the first thing we had to do to make anthrax less of an unknown scare. At first nobody knew what was going on; we were just hoping we were safe," said Paulus.

The Allentown Post Office continues to call and support the mailroom. They realize that because of the range in areas in which students live, mail arrives from many different areas. International mail is also received from relatives, friends and students currently abroad.

"We had a suspicious piece of mail come in. It had a wet corner, which was one of the signs of anthrax that we learned in the video," Paulus said. "We called Campus Safety and they came to check on it. Since it had a return address we were able to call the student to verify the name."

Paulus and her staff have created a very open environment in their workplace when it comes to facing the anthrax scare. They ease their day by talking about the stress that comes in dealing with the current situation.

Paulus feels that they are knowledgeable enough about the disease to prevent any spread should they come in contact with it, but the fear still exists. They speak freely about their concerns as postal workers, but also feel safe and secure in knowing that they are surrounded by support, should they need it.

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 30 – Vehicle Violation – A student's car parked on Chew Street blocked a neighbor's driveway. The car was ticketed.

Jan. 30 – Possession of Stolen Property – A visitor parking pass was stolen from Admissions. The owner of the car was referred to the Dean.

Jan. 30 – Disorderly Conduct – A Brown Hall student was found screaming and writing on a wall. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 30 – Vehicle Violation – An abandoned vehicle was left in the commuter parking lot. A letter was sent to the owner's home and the vehicle may be towed.

Jan. 30 – Harassment by Communication – A male non-student made a harassing call to a non-student disk jockey at WMUH.

Jan. 30 – Pedestrian Accident – A pedestrian was hurt on 23rd Street and taken to a hospital.

Jan. 31 – Injured Non-student – A non-student injured a toe. The person was given a Band-Aid.

Jan. 31 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A red van belonging to the College backed into a student's car on North Leh Street. The persons involved exchanged insurance information.

Jan. 31 – Injured Employee – A Campus Safety Officer injured his ankle when getting out of the patrol vehicle on Prosser Drive.

Jan. 31 – Report of Smoke – The General's Quarters reported a minor grease fire.

Jan. 31 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2245 Gordon Street from cooking food.

Jan. 31 – Possession of False I.D. – Jonathan Baker, residing at 381 Martin Luther Hall, was arrested at the Maingate for possessing a fake I.D. The student was also sent to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 1 – Theft – An employee's tan and green jacket was reported stolen. It has not been recovered.

Feb. 1 – Check Welfare – Parents of a student called the Campus Safety Department when they were unable to call their child. They later found that the student's phone was off the hook.

Feb. 1 – Alcohol Violation/Disorderly Conduct/Failure to Comply – Garbage was thrown out of the window from the second floor of Martin Luther Hall. Three students were sent to the Dean of Students and one student, Timothy Russell, was cited by the Allentown Police Department for disorderly conduct.

Feb. 2 – Vandalism – Writing was found on the wall of the elevator in Martin Luther Hall.

Feb. 2 – Fire Safety Violation – Two students were fined $300 for having lit candles in Martin Luther Hall.

Feb. 2 – Vandalism – The frisbee-golf post on the Trexler Library lawn was yanked out of the ground.

Feb. 2 – Unsecured Property – The door to the chemical storage room in Trumbower was found ajar.

Feb. 3 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The driver side front and rear door windows of a student's car parked in the ATO parking lot at 2302 Chew Street were found smashed in.

Feb. 3 – Vandalism – The shed behind the ATO house was vandalized. The vandals are presently unidentified.

Feb. 3 – Sick Student – A Walz Hall resident was reported ill and transported to I-78 Cedar Crest Hospital.

Feb. 4 – Sick Employee – An ill employee of the carpenter's shop was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 4 – Harassment by Communication – Residents of 407 through 409 North 23rd Street reported a telemarketing call.

Feb. 5 – Trashing –- Chili dip and corn chips were found on the carpet of a room in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 5 – Theft – A fan was stolen from Trumbower. It has not been recovered.

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Rebel Saints: A mixture of rock and acoustic sounds

life! on campus

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

The Rebel Saints jam in the Red Door.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

What were Muhlenberg students doing last Thursday night? Well, if they were among the lucky ones packed into the Red Door Café last week, they would have had the opportunity to see one of the best bands that the College has to offer: the Rebel Saints, which are composed primarily of three members, and in addition, a visiting percussionist, specializing in playing the bongo.

At first it seemed a little strange to see the entire band on stage without any shoes, but something like that may later prove to be much a part of the band's laidback nature. Their sound was acoustic, yet not completely mellow, as they also were able to effectively incorporate the bongo as a chief component of their songs. Lead singer Matt McLauglin fronted the band and lent his talented vocals to all of their songs, both originals and covers, to complement the other talents in the group. In addition, Steve DeMeo '04, who was on guitar, executed some rather impressive guitar solos. The band's bass player laid the undertone for the band with his excellent bass playing, in addition to also singing back up vocals.

Although the majority of the audience contained fellow Delta Tau Delta brothers and company, the band was able to create a relationship with their fans, a quality which also defined them as people rather than just performers. They also gave an explanation before each song that either told about its origin or gave a witty reasoning for its being written. One such example is when Simolike remarked that one song was, "A philosophical song about nothing."

Their music has a definite place in the rock/acoustic genre of tradition, yet they are able to integrate different elements into their songs to create variety. Most notable was the song "Shake," which can have your head and body bouncing for the entire length of the song. The tune appeared to be a crowd favorite judging by the looks of everyone smiling and chuckling.

Muhlenberg students had the pleasure of seeing this four-man band last Thursday.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

Another part of their performance that was interesting was their ability to cover songs that many people know and love and not destroying them in the process, which included such hits such as Pearl Jam's "Elderly Woman Standing Behind a Counter in a Small Town," and Radiohead's "Killer Cars."

The Rebel Saints are the quintessential college band in that they are able to draw emotion in their songs and perform to a numberless crowd and still have just as good of a time as they would in their basement during rehearsal.

They are fun, talented and best of all gave the audience a performance that was worth seeing over and over. There is no doubt that we will be seeing more of these talented musicians in the future.

Question of the Week: *What is your favorite snack food to eat while studying?*

"Saltines and apple raspberry twister juice."
- Kristin Gaudio '03

"Skittles because I need the sugar to keep me awake."
- Meg Malatack '03

"Simpsons gummi fruit snacks."
- Josh Miller '04

"Carrots, because they keep me healthy and energized."
- Jackie Oxenberg '03

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Mitch Cooper takes on the airwaves

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

As the second semester progresses forward with new classes and campus activities, a returning entertainment pedestal stands firmly within the College community. His show airing late last semester, first-year student Mitchell Cooper continues working with friends on his late-show-modeled comedy and variety work, *The Mitch Cooper Show*. The show ambitiously displays a multitude of sketches and comedic spins on many aspects of college life here on campus.

The most popular and notable of the show's sketches is one entitled "Say What." "Say What" is in the style of certain starring comics like Jay Leno in his epics of "Jaywalking" or David Letterman when he parades the streets of New York for respondents. Cooper and his sidekick comb the pathways of our campus and ask students ridiculous and outrageous questions. The questions are ones that no one in their right mind would give any previous or contemplative thought. For example, some of the questions featured in "Say What" in the past have been "If you had a monkey, what would you call it?" or "What would you do with your tongue?" The true nature of these questions are not only hilarious alone, but just think of the answers and probably astounded or appalled reactions evoked from the people questioned.

Much like any late-night television or talk show, Cooper invites special guests on the show for interviews. In the last show, Arthur Taylor, naturally the most famous person on this campus, stopped by for a visit. Other notable figures, like sports stars and active students from our community, will plan to make an appearance on the show as well.

Ryan Kovalsky, first-year student and Cooper's good friend, fills the role of Cooper's relief sidekick with outrageously funny comments and entertaining spectacles. The combination of Cooper and Kovalsky is lethally funny, according to publicity chair and friend Kate Arney-Cimino. All of the students who work on the show, both behind the scenes and in front of the camera, are here at Muhlenberg for their first year. The fact that the cast and crew of the show have been here for less than one year makes the show even-more impressive, for all those involved must be especially talented in order to produce such a fine product.

One of the greatest aspects of Cooper's show is that the entire campus has the opportunity at its spotlight of fame. Cooper and his friends film the show in Seeger's Union lobby, so anyone just passing by for a meal or mailcheck can get an opportunity to get a first-look at the show's pro-

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FACTOIDS ON FAITH

TALLIT (tah-leet', or tah'-liss) — The tallit is a fringed prayer shawl worn traditionally by men and, in more recent years, by some women at morning services. The tzitziyot (tzee-tzee-oht' — fringes) on the tallit are mandated by God in Scripture to be worn as a reminder of all the commandments of the Torah (Numbers 15:39). They are attached to the four corners of the tallit. There is usually an embroidered neckband on the tallit, which reads, "Praised are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with the commandments and has given us the command to wrap ourselves in the fringes." This blessing is spoken as the tallit is put on. Donning the tallit has been likened to wrapping God around oneself during prayer.

Muhlenberg's Top 5:
Bizarre Holidays in February

5. Disaster Day (5th)

4. Do A Grouch A Favor Day (16th)

3. Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day (11th)

2. International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day (23rd)

1. Public Sleeping Day (28th)

By Kelly Anne Robertson

Creed's new music: anything but weathered

By Lisa Kohn
Weekly Guest Writer

Creed's latest album has been the hot item in record stores since its Nov. 20 release, selling 887,000 copies, the highest first week statistics for any artist this year. *Weathered* has become one of the only three albums on Billboard's charts to have stayed at number one for eight weeks. *Weathered* cemented Creed's status in the world of rock and roll.

Photo courtesy of www.creed.com

The title of Creed's album speaks for their seemingly overnight success. No one would have suspected it was made in three and a half weeks and almost contained the wrong version of *My Sacrifice*. *Weathered*, with its very sustained style, is different from their other album *Human Clay*. The latter named record had all similar sounding songs with just one tempo. The new album has a harder rocking, more aggressive style. It's Creed's most diverse and developed record. Singer Scott Stapp said after a recent VH1 performance, "The most important thing to the band--and at the end of the day we have the final decision--is to establish that we are a rock band, a heavier rock band."

Although many people are accustomed to songs like "My Sacrifice," which are more spiritual and fueled by power and passion, the band wanted to show their more aggressive style through their song "Bullets." The product is the group's heaviest song yet, and is full of rapidly chugging guitars and striking beats.

This album exemplifies *Creed*'s diverse talents. The vocals range from slow to triumphant and the guitars have different tempos and melodies. The improvement of their vocals, guitars and drums show the band's power and talent. Creed's tour kicked off in Atlanta on Jan. 16 and ends in Kansas City on Feb. 17.

World Premiere at Muhlenberg: *Once Upon a Time in New Jersey*

By Amanda Phillips
Asst. Life! Editor

"How you doin'?" This question, pronounced with an amalgamation of a New York and New Jersey accent, was just one of the lines that caused waves of laughter during the World premiere staged reading of *Once Upon a Time in New Jersey*. A fairly large crowd was entertained on Friday, Feb. 1, in the Baker Theatre in the Center for the Arts.

The director of the reading, Charlie Richter is Head of the Theatre and Dance Department. He introduced the play that is based on the book written by Susan DiLallo. The music was written by Stephen Weiner, a Muhlenberg alumnus who elected to premiere his show at the College. The play will be shown in its entirety this summer during the Theatre Department's Summer Program.

The staged reading was rehearsed over a period of two weeks. The actors had a busy schedule, but performed as though they had been practicing for months. Although there was very minimal costuming and props, the acting and singing were superb. The fact that the entire cast was on stage at once did not take away from the play in the slightest.

The play opened with the narrator, played by Nicholas Carriere '02, and cast singing the opening number, "Once Upon a Time in New Jersey." The scene was set in a bustling city during the middle of the 21st century. The characters were mostly Italians sporting Brooklyn accents.

Played in front of an audience, in which there were many New Jersey natives, the result was a wonderfully comical performance that appealed to the crowd. At one point, one character suggests that a friend should go "someplace exotic--the Poconos!" Many local jokes had those in attendance laughing through most of the reading.

The basic plot revolved around a young man named Vinnie, played by Rafael Bish '03. Vinnie, who is shy and unsure of himself, is in love with a girl named Angie, played by Jamie McKittrick '04. Angie, however, only has eyes for the womanizing Rocco, played by David Bish '03. Rocco, in turn, has eyes for every lady, and ends up getting in trouble when he becomes involved with the married Celeste, played by Randi Berman '03. Rocco is being hunted down by Celeste's husband Billy, played by Carriere.

Rocco, with the help of his pals, comes up with a crazy scheme to switch places with the naïve Vinnie. This was an especially successful twist of the plot, as Rafael Bish and David Bish are identical twins. Laughter erupted when a protesting Vinnie, fearful of the switch at first, yells to Rocco, "But I don't even look like you!"

In the end, Vinnie gets his girl (Angie), Celeste becomes once again faithful to her husband, and Rocco learns his lesson, well perhaps, and ends up a priest. In any event, *Once Upon a Time in New Jersey* makes for a happy, fun show. If you're around for the summer shows, you won't want to miss it.

Fashion Forward

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor
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After the events of September 11th, everyone's view of the world changed. We've altered almost every aspect of our lives from the way we talk to the way we dress. Even the fashion industry has taken a major blow as it is so often influenced by non-reality based ideas. It is undoubtedly necessary for everyone to think about whether or not fashion is really important anymore. The inevitable truth still stands that fashion was a source for enjoyment, self-expression and individuality. Abandoning the idea of clothing and fashion forever won't do anybody any good. We should not surrender to our fears and perceived weaknesses. Enjoying our lives, ourselves, things we were involved with in the past and things that matter most is the way to prove our strength and unity. In view of recent events, key words for style and dressing now more than ever are real, strong, centered, and most of all individual. Don't become ambiguous. Just because we need to come together as a nation does not mean we all must dress alike. Diversify. Express your likes and dislikes through your clothes. Guys, here are a few hints on how to get started:

Look past the baggy jeans, fleece jackets, black pea coats and baseball hats. There is more to looking good than Abercrombie & Fitch, Structure, Old Navy and The North Face. It is not enough to simply know the trends, the important and attractive part is when they are adapted to match and work with your own style.

Caring more about what you wear will reflect well in all other aspects of your life. Instead of wearing the same old shirt and jeans combo, mix it up a little bit. Combine new with old and have fun.

life! *movie listings*

AMC

Big Fat Liar
Fri: 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; Sat: 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; Sun: 1:50, 4:50, 8:10
Collateral Damage
Fri: 4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sat: 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sun: 1:20, 4:20, 8:15
A Walk to Remember
Fri:4:20, 7:40, 10:15; Sat:1:40, 4:20, 7:40, 10:15; Sun: 1:40, 4:20, 8:15
The Count of Monte Cristo
Fri: 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sat: 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sun: 1:10, 4:10, 8:10
Snowbound
Fri: 4:30, 7:00, 9:10; Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10; Sun: 1:30, 4:30, 7:50
Black Hawk Down
Fri: 4:40, 8:00; Sat: 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; Sun: 1:20, 4:40, 7:45
A Beautiful Mind
Fri: 4:40, 8:00; Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10; Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 8:00
Lord of the Rings
Fri: 4:30, 8:10; Sat: 12:45, 4:30, 8:10; Sun:1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Slackers
Fri - Sat 10:45

Lehigh Valley Mall

Rollerball
Fri and Sat: 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00; Sun: 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
Collateral Damage
Fri and Sat: 1:00, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30, 12:00; Sun: 1:00, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
Slackers
Fri and Sat: 12:35, 5:20, 10:10, 12:00; Sun: 12:35, 5:20, 10:10
A Walk to Remember
Fri and Sat: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:00; Sun: 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
The Count of Monte Cristo
Fri and Sat: 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 12:00; Sun: 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
Kung Pow: Enter the Fist
Fri - Sun: 3:00, 7:45
Snow Dogs
Fri - Sun: 12:25, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
Black Hawk Down
Fri and Sat: 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 12:00; Sun: 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
A Beautiful Mind
Fri - Sun: 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Fri and Sat: 12:00

The Count of Monte Cristo is a hit

life! *review*

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

The Count of Monte Cristo is one of the best movies of this year. Period pieces developed into film adaptations are risky projects that are usually either hit or miss in the box office. Last year, *Moulin Rouge*, although receiving critical acclaim, was either loved or hated by audiences. Then new period film adapted from Alexander Dumas's classic epic, *The Count of Monte Cristo* entered theaters after surviving several release date changes from the film company. Disregarding its tardiness, *The Count of Monte Cristo* is filled with breathtaking scenery and astounding musical interludes. It embodies the turmoil of love, jealousy and ultimate revenge in the time of rapidly radical social revolution in France after Napoleon Bonaparte's exile to Elba. Spanning a sixteen-year period of torture and contemplation, *The Count of Monte Cristo* is a striking, beautiful and carefully crafted cinematic triumph.

Adhering for the most part to the original story, the movie follows the life of Edmund Dantes, played by James Caviezel, previously seen in such movies as *Frequency* and *Angel Eyes*. In this movie, Dantes comes to find himself in prison. Stripped of his fiancee and the hard-working satisfying life he had planned, Dantes wastes away in solitary hell, is driven to insanity, provoked by rage and survives only on vengeance. In a strange twist of events, he comes to meet an elderly prisoner, and forms a mutually rewarding relationship with him. Dantes helps the old man, played by Richard Harris (who portrayed Caeser in last year's *Gladiator*, and Professor Dumbledore in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*) escape the confines of the prison. The old man in turn teaches Dantes everything from swordplay to arithmetic. While denouncing his spiritual faith, Dantes manages to obtain his freedom through a series of conniving and surprising events. With luck, time and a faithful and comedic sidekick he elevates himself to a postiton that enables him to carry out his perfectly heinous revenge on the captors, primarily his childhood friend turned devilish enemy (played by *L.A. Confidential*'s Guy Pearce). Dantes becomes the fabricated Count of Monte Cristo, and his combined identities make for a character that is not only incredibly intelligent, but also emotionally and wordlessly lovable.

With only a few minor noticeable flaws, this movie was perfect. At times, the plot seemed to drag slowly and there were some scenes that could easily have been dismissed in the editing room. The dialogue was extremely hokey, and at times corny, but as the basic goal of the plot was rooted in emotion and the violent upheaval and obliteration of people's dreams, it couldn't have been written differently. The casting was wonderful. Guy Pearce's sharp facial expressions and tiny, beady eyes made for the perfect villian, but also the type of bad guy that the audience doesn't only love to hate, but wants to actually see him suffer at their own hands. Caviezel's acting was beauti-

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"STRUCTURAL NIGHTMARE"
9-10pm Red Door
Comedian "MICHAEL DEAN ESTER"

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"KAREN'S CRUTCH"
10pm-Midnight Seegers Lobby
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Aries:

Pleasure trips will be favorable and bring about possible romance. Join groups of a humanitarian nature. Your leadership ability will enhance your reputation. Your boss may not be in the best of moods this week. Do your job and don't ask for favors. Take a short business trip if possible. Don't exhaust yourself or minor health problems will set in.

Taurus:

Someone close to you will get upset easily if you are insensitive to their needs. Take the time to help those less fortunate. You need to fulfill your needs and pre sent your talents. Take a close look at contracts and agreements that have been offered to you. Your mate may be ready to trade you in if you haven't paid enough attention.

Gemini:

Invite friends or relatives into your home. Residential moves will be beneficial, and larger quarters the most probable direction. You should get out and meet new people to day. Romance is quite possible if you are willing to approach someone who interests you. Dazzle them with your intellectual conversation.

Cancer:

Opportunities for travel and socializing are evident. Be careful disclosing information. Someone around you may not be trustworthy. You have been so self absorbed that you've forgotten how important your emotional life is. Problems with foreigners or authority figures could lead to confinement or delays.

Leo:

Your high energy will enable you to take the role of leader in group functions. Your suggestions for fund raising events will be well received. This will not be the best day to try to push your ideas or concerns. Your position may be in question if you haven't been pulling your weight. Upgrading at this point is not a bad plan.

Virgo:

Listen to the problems of others and offer suggestions where possible. You will be a real chatterbox this week. Try to curb your tongue and let others at least get a word in. You must make sure that all your personal documents are in order. Someone you thought you could trust may be trying to make you look bad.

Libra:

Avoid any erratic behavior or it could cause isolation at home. If everyone wants to do their own thing, let them. You may have a hard time relating to children this week. This will be a very hectic day if you've made promises to too many people. Your willingness to help others can and will lead to fatigue if you don't learn to say no.

Scorpio:

This will be a very hectic day if you've made promises to too many people. Your willingness to help others can and will lead to fatigue if you don't learn to say no. Be careful of the groups you join or the people you associate with. You may find that you're being used. Things are looking up.

Sagittarius:

You will have extra energy; put it to good use. Organize social events or family gatherings. You will meet new romantic partners through the company you keep. Underhandedness regarding legal matters or contracts must be counteracted. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date.

Capricorn:

After all, they may have valuable information to pass on. Limitations will set in if you haven't followed the rules. If you've cooled down somewhat, you may be ready to make a serious effort at restoring tranquillity with your lover.

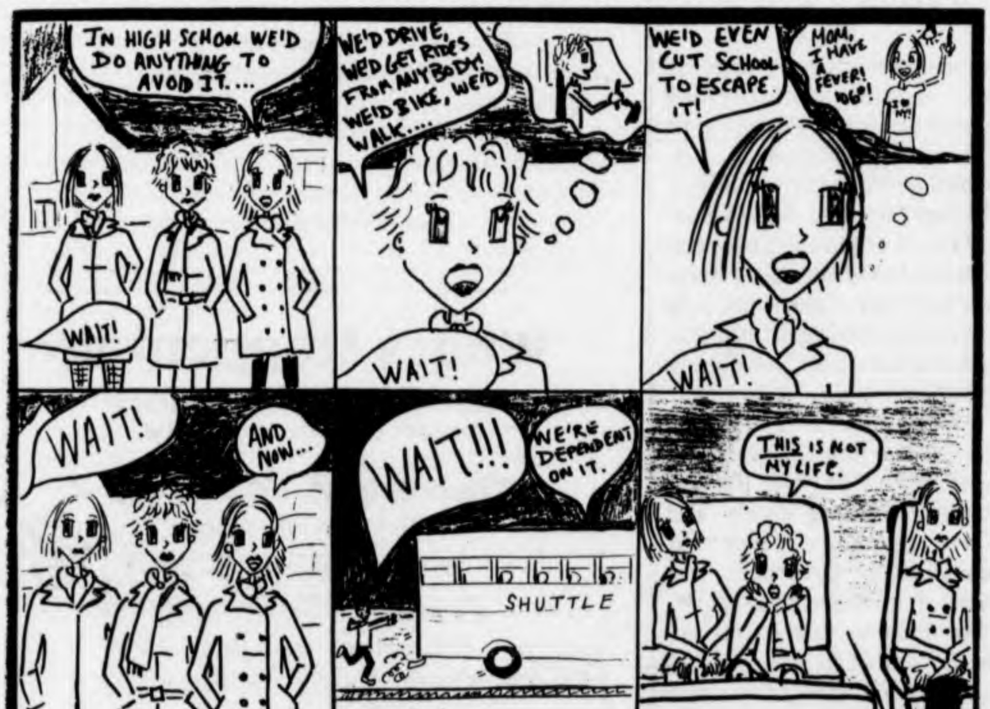
Aquarius:

Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts. Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more unexpected expenses are evident. You might find it difficult to control your emotions. Your partner will be emotionally unable to cope. Try to take some time to listen to their complaints, and in turn, do something to appease them. Don't overextend yourself in the process.

Pisces:

You will have difficulties with legal matters, government agencies, and authority figures if you aren't precise in your dealings. Problems with female members of your family may play on your emotions. Don't allow harsh words to upset you. Your partner may not be sympathetic to your needs.

Creative Corner: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Count on *The Count*

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fully administered to the wrongdoings and hardships thrust upon his character, and the viewer yearns to see him succeed. One feels a sense of satisfaction when he does prevail, and horrific disappointment when he fails. In addition to the fine casting and extremely believable acting, the aesthetic value of the film is priceless. The music is emotionally stirring, even a reminder of such successful soundtracks like those from the movies *Elizabeth*, *Gladiator*, and *Braveheart*. The visual scenery of crystal blue oceans and monstrous purple and cream-colored mountain ranges was gorgeous.

Not only was the background beautiful, but the whole movie was amazing. It covers every human emotion that may be experienced by a person and those that are common to everyone: love, vengeance, happiness and suffering, fear. The acting is superb, the music is moving, and along with such plot successions as Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*, *The Count of Monte Cristo* is perhaps one of the best stories ever told.

Get a kick out of Cooper

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duction before it goes into the editing room. Anyone and everyone is welcome to be a part of the audience, and the next filming will take place in the usual place at 6 p.m. in the evening on Friday, Feb. 8. One episode will air on the Muhlenberg television on Sunday, Feb. 10, so this weekend you will have plenty of opportunities to experience the pure humor and raw student talent that goes into creating Cooper and company's masterpiece, *The Mitch Cooper Show*.

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

Nobody has overcome a halftime deficit of more than one score to win the Super Bowl, and there has never been an overtime Super Bowl. Adam Vinatieri made sure it stayed that way, kicking a 48-yard field goal as time expired to give New England its first football championship in Super Bowl XXXVI before tight security in New Orleans. St. Louis had sputtered before rallying for two fourth-quarter touchdowns that forced a 17-17 tie, but MVP Tom Brady led the Pats 53 yards in nine plays so Vinatieri could become the first kicker to win the Super Bowl in the closing seconds in 31 years. Pat Summerall and John Madden called their final game together.

Michael and Juanita Jordan are giving their marriage another try. The Jordans, who announced last month they were divorcing after 12 years of marriage, said Monday they are attempting a reconciliation. Juanita Jordan also withdrew the divorce petition she filed Jan. 4 in Lake County Circuit Court. "We have decided to attempt a reconciliation and our efforts to do so will be greatly enhanced if the privacy of our personal lives is respected," the couple said in a statement issued by Juanita Jordan's attorneys. Attorneys for both sides confirmed the statement, and said there will be no further comment. "Juanita's and Michael's joint statement says everything they have to say," said Frederick Sperling, an attorney for Michael Jordan.

Australia's Tony David, the new hero of darts, revealed on Monday that his Embassy World Championship triumph was the third time he had literally realized a dream. The 34-year-old hemophiliac, whose health problems captured the hearts of the British public as he claimed the coveted crown as a 66-1 outsider, had visualized himself lifting the trophy in the maroon shirt he wore all week. But when it became reality on the Lakeside stage last night, it was nothing new for the Queenslander -- who twice before had premonitions that he would secure a specific title. "Four days before I won my first important tournament, the 1993 Townsville Open, I dreamed I would do it," said David, who overcame the blood-clotting disorder which has afflicted him throughout his life to conquer the world.

Duke is No. 2 at being No. 1. The Blue Devils were the top-ranked team in The AP college basketball poll Monday, their 12th week this season leading the Top 25 and the 88th time in school history they have been No. 1. Only UCLA, with 128 weeks, has spent more time on top of the rankings, which began in January 1949. Duke (20-1), which beat rival North Carolina and Clemson last week, received all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel -- its third straight week and eighth overall this season as a unanimous pick -- to break with Kentucky for the second-most weeks at No. 1. The Blue Devils started the season fourth on the list with 76 weeks on top. In December, they passed North Carolina, which has 81.

The Spring sports season is coming!!

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Player of the Week: Jenn Risley

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

Jenn Risley has got to be loving life. So far the Allentown native's senior year has included acceptance into dental school and a trip to Paris, France over the summer with her women's basketball teammates. The team, under her co-captainship now finds itself in the national spotlight as one of the top twenty ranked teams in the nation.

As the Mules' magical season continues, Risley, a forward, draws nothing but praise from coaches and teammates alike.

Head Coach Ron Rohn, currently in his first season at the College, says, "Our team has the best chemistry that I have ever seen on a team and much of the credit has to go to Jenn's leadership style. She is not a dictator or domineering and makes everyone feel they are just as important as every other player."

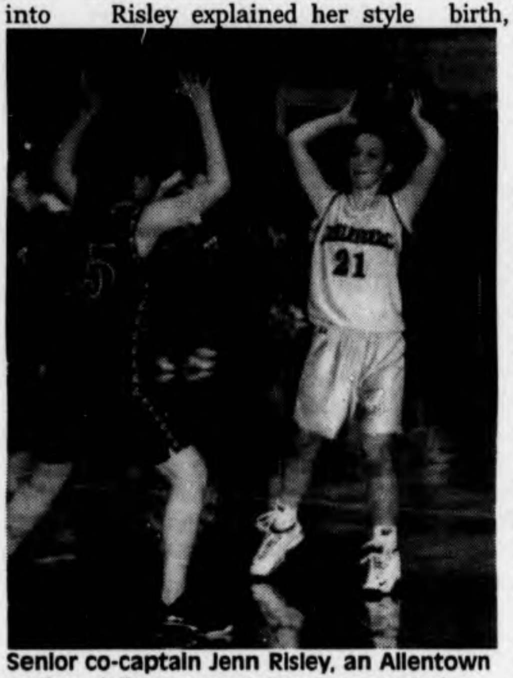
"Her personality has made her very approachable as a captain," adds Senior Co-captain Lindsay St. Lawrence.

Both St. Lawrence and Rohn are also quick to cite Risley's unselfishness.

"On the court, Jenn has delivered big shot after big shot... but has also delivered the ball to any teammate that was open when the situation called for it," says Rohn.

"She has proven her dedication to success through teamwork and unselfishness for as long as I have known her," St. Lawrence added.

Risley explained her style of leadership by saying, "As a captain I try to give my teammates a lot of room to grow: to test the waters by sometimes making mistakes or making great plays. I want them to learn about the game the same way I did through experience and finding their strong and weak points."



Senior co-captain Jenn Risley, an Allentown native, delivers a pass to a teammate in the game against Johns Hopkins.

Photo by Marc Rogol

By her own admission, Risley has, in the last four years, grown up on and off the court.

"At one time, basketball was the most important thing in my life. Now I realize that there are so many other things to life and basketball is just a fun part of life, it isn't life."

As for the remainder of this season, the Mules have already clinched a playoff-birth, but their goal is "to win the Conference first before we can think about going to the NCAAs," says Risley.

"Playing in front of your hometown is great!" exclaims Risley. It must feel that much better when your team is the talk of the campus and appears all but destined for something very magical this season.

On Feb. 2 in the Mules win against Hopkins, Risley contributed to the offense scoring 11 points.

Prior to that, in the game against Dickinson, she tallied 18 points on 7-13 shooting from the field. She also shot 75 percent from the free throw line in that game.

Risley's season-high point total came when she scored 19 points against Gettysburg in early January. The Mules defeated the Bullets in that game by the score of 74-58.

Despite the fact that scoring is not her primary objective, Risley is still on the College's all-time leading scorers list. With 754 points to date, she is ranked 15th on the all-time list and 2nd among active players.

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Men's Basketball

The matchup between the top two scoring offenses in the CC turned into a defensive struggle in which Muhlenberg struggled more.

The Mules (15-5, 6-3) shot only 22.2 percent in the first half and 27.7 percent for the game in losing their eighth straight to Johns Hopkins at Memorial Hall. All other CC teams have combined for nine wins at home of the Mules.

Muhlenberg held the Blue Jays (12-8, 6-3) without a field goal for the final 5:50 of the first half and for a seven-minute stretch of the second half, but could not get any closer than eight points down in the second half.

Junior Toomey Anderson led the Mules with 13 points. Senior Mark Lesko was held to a season-low 10 points by a double-teaming Hopkins defense. Senior Michael Barletta also scored 10.

Women's Basketball

Junior Meg Malatack set a school record with seven three-pointers to lead the Muhlenberg women's basketball team to a 97-48 win against Bryn Mawr.

The victory lifted the Mules (17-2, 9-2) into a first-place tie with Swarthmore in the Centennial Conference East Division and clinched them a spot in the CC postseason for the ninth straight year.

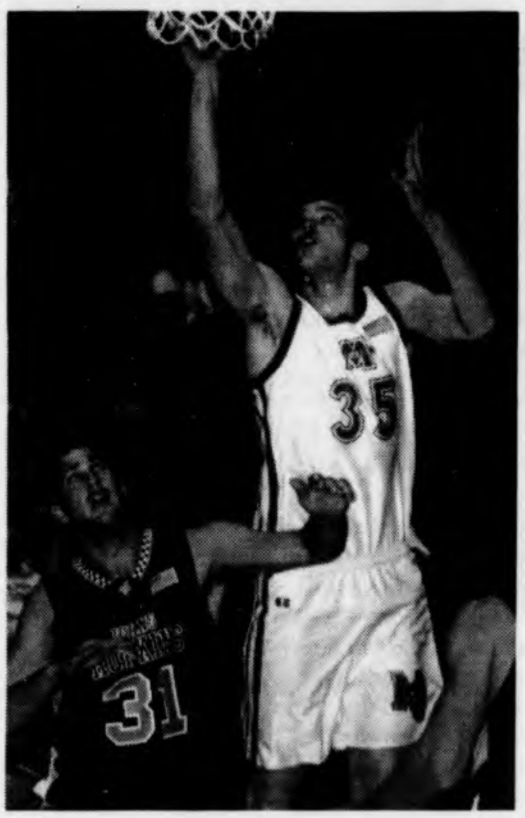
Malatack broke the record of six set by junior Randi Baran just nine days ago. She tied the record with 1:59 left in the game and broke it with three seconds on the clock. Malatack, who scored a career-high 21 points, also set a school record by attempting 16 treys.

Sophomore Becky Richmond had eight points and three steals in the first four minutes alone to help Muhlenberg sprint out to a 27-7 lead. The Mules had a 57-16 edge at halftime, just missing the school record for points in a half (59, set against Haverford in 1989-90).

Baran and freshman Elizabeth Bryant, Muhlenberg's point guards, combined for 15 assists with no turnovers. Bryan scored a career-high 13 points to go along with her nine dimes, which were two shy of the school record.

Sophomores Jill Friedman (13 points, 11 rebounds) and Amber Nelson (11 points, 10 rebounds) each recorded a double-double. Richmond finished with12 points.

The win extended the Mules' school-record winning streak to 19 and moved them to within one of the school record for home wins in a season (11).



Mules' leading scorer Mark Lesko soars over defenders en route to two of his ten points. Lesko was held to a season-low point total by the Hopkins defense.

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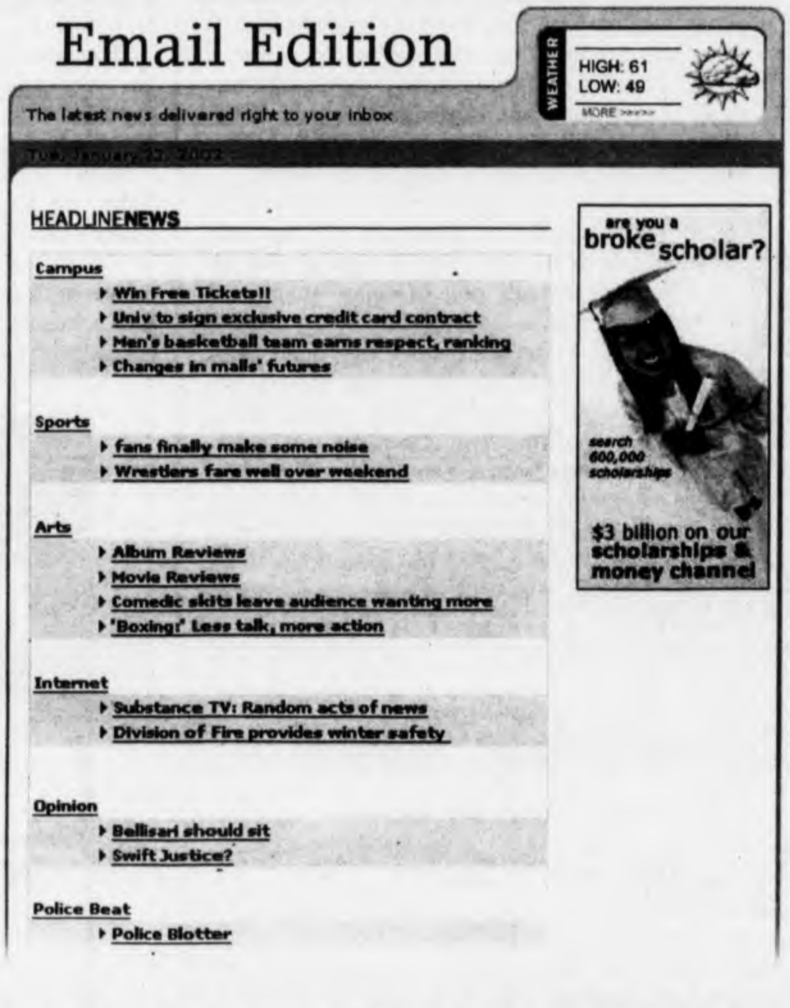

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Facts & Figures

Compiled by Sarah Niebler

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The number of games the men's basketball team leads the Centennial Conference East Division by after their loss on Saturday. The Mules (6-3 in the Conference) were helped by Haverford's win over Ursinus during the weekend.

4

The number of Centennial Conference games the women's basketball team has left at home this season. This schedule appears to favor the Mules as they are now tied for first place in the East Division with the Swarthmore Garnet. Over the last two seasons, the Mules have proven very hard to beat at home.

32

The number of consecutive dual meets that Senior heavyweight Tyler Cathey has won. Cathey extended that record on Saturday with a decision and a major decision.

52

The season low number of points that Johns Hopkins was able to score against the women's basketball team on Saturday in Memorial Hall. The Mules' tough defense forced Hopkins' turnovers and low percentage shots.

58

The number of seconds it took Senior Bill Holsinger to pin his Hunter College opponent on Saturday in the 149-pound bout. Holsinger's pin helped the Mules defeat Hunter, 28-13.

5:00

The amount of time in the first half of the men's basketball game the Mules held Johns Hopkins without a field goal. This scoreless stretch was not enough, however, as the Blue Jays went on to defeat the Mules.

Marchiano paces Mules and tallies fourth consecutive double-double

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lift. Once she hit those, I thought there was no looking back," said Rohn.

Opening the second half with an 11-7 run, the Mules never allowed Hopkins to get back in the game. The College never trailed by fewer than 11 points for the duration of the second half. "Because Hopkins is such a dangerous team, I never felt that comfortable, even with a ten to fifteen point lead," said Rohn. "Hopkins might be the most individually talented team in the league."

In an effort to make the game close during the last three minutes, the Blue Jays began fouling the Mules. The Mules did not shoot well from the charity stripe, but Hopkins could not convert their field goal attempts on the other end, and the Mules were able to hold to their lead and also the game.

During the final two minutes, the Mules shot less than 50 percent from the line, which is lower than their season average of almost 65 percent.

Offensively, Sophomore Susan Marchiano paced the Mules. She had game high 18 points and 13 rebounds, tallying her fourth consecutive double-double. "I'm more impressed with her rebounding rather than her scoring," commented Rohn. "Her scoring is all within the flow of the offense, but the rebounding, she of has to do all on her own."

Other players contributing with double-digit points were Senior Jenn Risley with eleven and First-Year Student Gwen Doyle with ten.

With the win, the Mules are poised near the top of the East Division and they moved to 14 games over .500 for the first time in program history. The Mules play Washington (Md.) away this weekend before returning home to face King's College in a non-Conference match-up on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

"This could turn out to be an important game," said Rohn. Rohn then added that there are two ways to make the NCAA Tournament at the end of the season, by winning the Conference or getting an at large bid from. "We'd rather not leave [the decision] up to a committee and win the Conference outright, but if we can beat King's, we should get major consideration for an at-large bid if we need it."

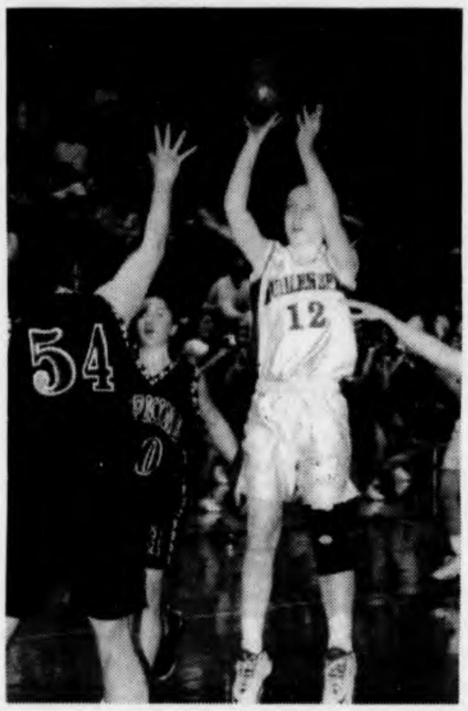

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Senior guard Lindsay St. Lawrence returned to the Mules lineup after missing three games with an injury.

Holsinger goes undefeated on Saturday to move to 24-1

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this season are the second most in school history, behind only last year's 17-win season.

"It was one of the best matches we wrestled all year," said Head Coach Tom Schleicher. "I'm extremely proud of this team and what we've accomplished together this year. We lost an All-American senior in Jason McLean last season and still we've been able to put up an extremely successful season," commented Yeasted.

With the match against Ursinus, the Mules wrapped up their regular season CC schedule.

Just days after their home win, the Mules traveled to York for a quadrangular meet against two teams ranked nationally. Coming into the match, both York College and Lycoming College were ranked in the top twenty-five in the nation in Division III. Hunter College, along with the Mules, also competed in the quadrangular meet. The Mules lost to both 13th ranked York and 24th ranked Lycoming but beat Hunter, 28-10.

The Mules lost to 13th-ranked Lycoming, 33-9, and 24th-ranked York, 31-10, before defeating Hunter, 28-13.

In the match against Hunter, the Mules trailed 6-3 early on, but then back-to-back pins from Yeasted and Holsinger secured the victory.

"I thought it went the way I suspected. Hunter was the team I thought we could beat. But we also had a bunch of guys fighting the flu. It was overall a tough day of wrestling for us," said Schleicher.

Senior Andrew Faust went 2-1 at 165 on the day. He lost a two-point decision against York, which snapped his winning streak at 12.

Senior heavyweight Tyler Cathey went 2-0 on the day as he notched a decision over Lycoming and a major decision against Hunter.

"It's nice, but it would be nicer if we could tie it," Schleicher said of the current squad's total wins equaling that of last year's team. The Mules must sweep Baptist Bible and Elizabethtown in their regular-season finale this Saturday at home in order for Schleicher's hope to become a reality.

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WRESTLING

Baptist Bible
&
Elizabethtown
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Scoreboard

Indoor Track
(first-place finishes)
55 meter hurtles
Ashlie Hankee,
8.7 seconds
Triple-Jump
Joshua Boyer
43 feet, 1.5 inches

Women's Basketball
Wed., Jan. 30 at
Dickinson, 60-54
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Men's Basketball
Sat., Feb. 2 vs. Johns
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Ursinus, 24-10
Sat., Feb. 2 vs.
Lycoming, 9-33, at
York, 10-31, vs.
Hunter, 28-13

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Mules climb up Division III rankings

Victory over Hopkins gives Mules boost in Conference

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

Despite poor foul shooting during the last two minutes of the game, the Mules' women's basketball team hung on to defeat Johns Hopkins on Saturday, 68-52.

With the win, the Mules, who are now ranked 16th in Division III by d3hoops.com and the WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association), move to 16-2 overall and 8-2 in the Centennial Conference.

The victory, combined with a Swarthmore loss at the hands of Franklin and Marshall over the weekend, enabled the Mules to climb within a half game of the Garnet for first place in the CC East Division. The Mules face the Garnet in Memorial Hall on Feb. 13, in a game that could likely decide the division. This home court advantage could prove to be critical for the Mules as they have a school record 19-game home winning streak going in Memorial Hall, which dates back to last season. In fact, the Mules did not lose a home game in all of 2001. "I think we are very comfortable at home," said Head Coach Ron Rohn. "Playing here really gives us a lot of confidence. We've had tremendous crowd support this season and we've beaten a number of quality teams at home." Against Hopkins, the Mules relied on a defense that kept the Blue Jays off guard and held the Jays to their lowest point total to date with 52. Hopkins only shot 32.8 percent from the field in the game. The defense of the Mules also forced Hopkins to commit 27 turnovers in the game, 18 of which came in the first half. "That's 18 times they came down the court and didn't get a shot," said Rohn. "If you don't get shots, you can't score," he added. "We forced the tempo of the game and made them make mistakes."

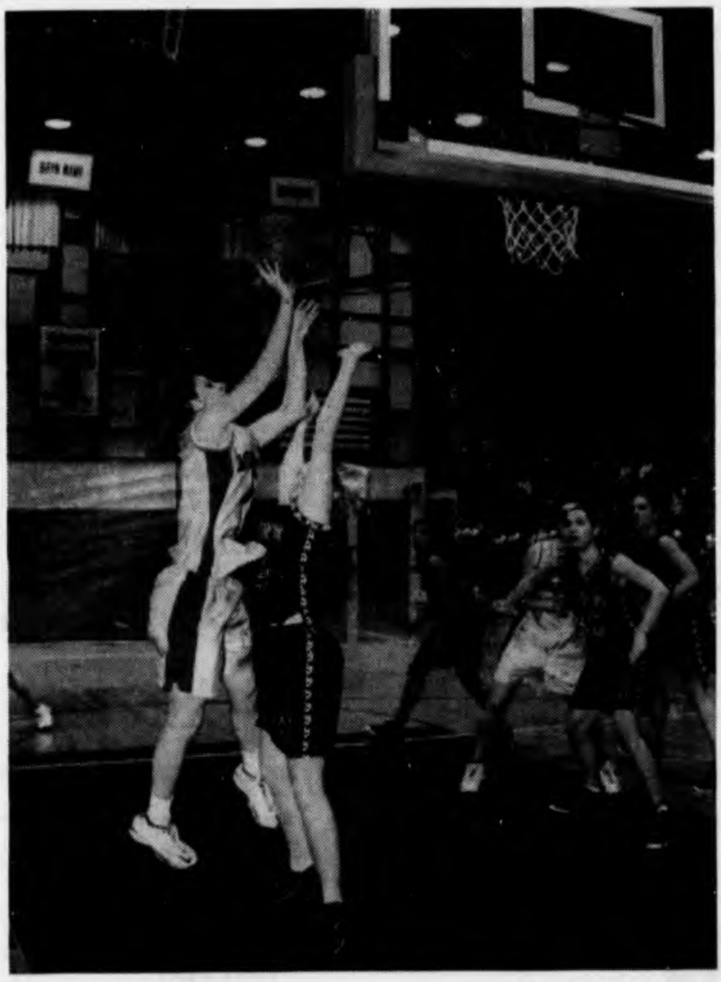
PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Sophomore Susan Marchiano goes up against a defender from Hopkins. Marchiano finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, earning her fourth consecutive double-double on Saturday. The Mules defeated Hopkins by the final score of 68-52.

The Mules led the entire game as they held Johns Hopkins to just eight points in the first ten minutes of the game. With 10:01 left in the half, the Mules led the Blue Jays 16-8. Hopkins closed the margin to just four points with a little over three minutes left in the half. But the Mules closed out the half on an 8-2 run and led by 12 points at halftime, 34-22. In the last part of the half, Senior Lindsay St. Lawrence, who returned to the Mules' lineup after missing the last three games with a knee injury, hit back-to-back three pointers. "Even though Lindsay only played six minutes, her three-pointers really gave the team an emotional

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Indoor track runs at Ursinus...two more school records go down

By Pete Lankarge
Weekly Sports Writer

Ashlie Hankee is on a roll. For the fourth consecutive week, the freshman track and field star has broken a school record. This week in fact, she broke two.

On Saturday, at the Ursinus Invitational, Hankee broke the record in the 55 meters and was part of an all-freshmen relay team which broke the record in the 4x200 meter relay.

Hankee ran the 55 meters in 7.4 seconds to break the old record of 7.69. In the 4x200 meter relay, Hankee teamed up with three fellow freshmen, Amy Ratner, Danielle Bovelle and Carolyn Schoen. The team completed the relay in 1:55.1 to beat the old school record time of 1:56.0.

In previous meets this season, Hankee has broken the record in the 55 meter hurdles three times. She ran it in 9.36 seconds in the season opener at the John Covert Classic. The next week, at the Kutztown Invitational, she ran it in 9.2 seconds. Finally, the week after that at Bucknell, she ran the race in 8.93 seconds at the Bison Open. Hankee will return to Bucknell this weekend to attempt to break the school record yet again.

Highlights of the men's portion of the Ursinus Invitational included Sophomore Joshua Boyer winning the triple jump. Sophomore Frank Santini also placed second in the shot put. Boyer's triple jump was 43-1.5, while Santini's shot put distance was 41-10.5.

Hankee, after breaking the school record in the 55 meter race, finished first in the 55 meter hurdle race. She ran the hurdles in 8.7 seconds.

Other top three finishers in the women's meet were Emily Yedowitz with a triple jump distance of 33-.25, Kristin Boydston with a shot put distance of 32-5, and Meghan Douglas-Snyder, who pole vaulted a height of 9-6.

The Mules travel to Bucknell again this coming Saturday to participate in the

Wrestling team finishes 1-2 at four-team weekend meet at York College

By Evan Jafee
Weekly Sports Writer

The wrestling team continued their chase to break or tie both individual and team records with a pair of meets last week. One of them took place in Memorial Hall on Jan. 30 and the other was held at York College in York, Pa on Feb. 2.

In the home match against Centennial Conference rival Ursinus, the Mules did not disappoint. Pitted against the Bears, the team came away with a 24-10 victory. Crucial wins came from Junior tri-captain Nate Yeasted (141) and Sophomores Josh Carter (HWT) and Joe Getz (174). This was Getz's first victory of his collegiate career. With the win, the Mules clinched a 2nd place overall finish in the Conference.

The Mules' 15 wins thus far

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Student teachers prep for the real world

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

Students in the College's Education program are concerned that they are not accustomed to the cultural diversity in many public school districts. To help alleviate this barrier, Education classes discuss issues such as racism, students' exposure to individuals of different backgrounds and how to handle themselves in new situations.

Kathleen Milligan, Director of Student Teaching at the College, said that although nearly all the Education students she comes in contact with are well-intended, they are not very well equipped to enter into culturally diverse school districts because most do not have much experience with individuals of different backgrounds. She believes the students need to learn about race before beginning their field work. She commented that the differences among people are real and that race should not be ignored. In order to help educate the students, Milligan said that all Education courses have multicultural aspects included.

Education students spend 12 weeks in the field student teaching, which Milligan believes to be beneficial both for the students and the Education Department. By having field work, it is easier to see how the students will function in their careers after graduation. Milligan commented that this type of work training is unique to the Education Department.

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Life, speaks with Education students before they begin their

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Find out what it takes to be a leader

Leadership conference hosts Congressman Toomey and six alumni

By John Franzen and Nikolay Pandoursky
Weekly Guest Writers

Sophomores Melissa Egan, Christine Coons and Robyn Duda (left to right) shared their concerns about leadership roles during one of the breakout sessions at last Saturday's Conference. Photo by Greta Bergstresser

There are many different ideas of leadership. Despite this, when you see it, you know to call it leadership. We think of leadership as something that is self-evident and often have trouble defining it, but as Congressman Pat Toomey said in his keynote speech at this weekend's Leadership Development Conference: "We know it when we see it." On a bright Saturday afternoon, Moyer Hall became the host of this conference, which brought to the College a wide variety of speakers, all leaders in their respective fields.

Among the speakers were College alumni Pat Boyle '93, Head Basketball Coach at Notre Dame High School; John Briner '99, member of Community Real Estate Investments, LLC; Dana Diorio '93, Sales Manager at Xerox Corporation; Mike Doyle '94, Vice President at Ketchum Public Relations; Susanne Meixsell '91, Asst. Principal of the Northwestern

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Helping kids through mentorships

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

Asking some of the students around campus what it took to become a big brother or sister may get you an answer you hadn't expected.

"We had to take some exams and go through extensive training before we met our little brother or sister," said big brother Bryan Barrett '02.

And some students don't just see their siblings over the holidays. "We eat in the Garden Room, get ice cream, go to the mall, do arts and crafts, but most importantly just spend quality time with the child," said big sister Sarah Kessler '02 when asked what she and her little sister do.

These students participate in the Big Brother/ Big Sister (BBBS) program.

The program's aim is to provide one-to-one mentoring relationships between adult volunteers and children primarily from single-parent families. Big brothers and big sisters act as positive role models in the lives of their little brothers and sisters.

Individuals interested in becoming a big brother or sister must apply to the program. After background checks are performed, big brothers and big sisters are matched with little brothers and little sisters through extensive interview processes

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100 Days mishap unresolved

After last week's 100 Days Celebration, a 'Berg student stole APD officer's hat

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

The Senior 100 Days Celebration ended with a long wait at the shuttle buses as the Allentown Police Department (APD) confronted students for stealing an officer's hat outside Crocodile Rock early Wednesday morning.

Officer Schlegel lost his hat after trying to prevent a fight between a student and an Allentown resident. While waiting outside of Crocodile Rock, a student began harassing pedestrians. The APD intervened in the situation, and Schlegel's hat was knocked off. The APD believes a 'Berg student is in possession of the hat. The College is interested in returning the hat with no consequences to the student.

Amy D'Antonio, Senior Class President, and Elias Saratovsky, Student Body President, sent out a memo to all seniors in an attempt to recover the hat and return it to the APD. They stressed the importance of not damaging the relationship between the College and the APD.

Officer Schlegel and the APD are most interested in recovering the hat because Schlegel's shield badge was attached to the front of the hat. The badge is given to each officer at initiation, and it holds sentimental value for Schlegel.

"We've worked so hard to develop a good relationship with the City police, and to tarnish it is just not good," commented Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students.

Hurd confirmed that students who return the hat will not be punished for the incident.

Officer Schlegel works around the College's campus on a regular basis. The College requests extra patrolling by the APD to maintain a safe environment for all of the campus, as well as off-campus student housing.

"This is a sophomoric prank that has gone much further," said Hurd.

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Muhlenberg fosters leadership

This past Saturday, Muhlenberg College hosted the Leadership Development Conference, open to all students and faculty, in Moyer Hall. This event's goal was to show Muhlenberg students that they have many opportunities to gain leadership skills and become a leader at Muhlenberg. Six Muhlenberg alumni came to share their success stories in order to inspire Muhlenberg students to get involved at the college.

One of the main topics discussed were the qualities that lay a foundation of a good leader. US Rep. Pat Toomey emphasized that leadership is not about power, but rather an ability to develop a vision and then convince people with words and actions to follow that vision. Muhlenberg is a college of vision. Everything is done here for a purpose. Our purpose here is to become educated and gain the knowledge and tools to succeed later in life. This goes along with leadership because in both leadership and at Muhlenberg, integrity is a crucial asset to possess. It is essential to do what's right when no one's watching and to treat people with the same respect that you expect from them.

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Leadership is on ongoing process and is developed through intelligence, ingenuity, conviction and a sense of timing when dealing with conflicts. Students were concerned with the difference between being a friend and a leader. Dana Dioro '93 offered that even though people may look at you differently, treating people with respect is a huge part of being a leader. She also said that she learned her leadership skills from being at Muhlenberg. Mike Doyle '94 told students that the key to being a good leader is having a positive attitude.

All of these pieces of advice are good ideas to incorporate into being a leader, but everyone's idea of leadership is different. This is what makes us all unique and successful. Muhlenberg gives us the opportunities to be diverse in our leadership and this conference gave the college a chance to discuss what it means to be a leader and why it's important. Having the alumni available gave students the opportunity to have questions answered and see where their Muhlenberg education and the leadership opportunities can take them.

Sordidly yours, the Garden Room

ELIZABETH RAUPERS

ROYAL RANTINGS

I am not a spoiled or picky eater, nor was I sent to school with gourmet lunches in deli bags or sushi trays adorned with wasabi and ginger. Let us get it on the table that I did my time of enduring hairnetted lunchladies whose fake eyelashes would drop in the spaghetti sauce, and (lest we forget) the guy with an acute case of nail fungus who baked our cookies, so I did not attend Muhlenberg College with Tavern on the Green's menu as basis for food comparison. I did, however, come to college with the assumption that my twenty eight thousand dollars would provide me with meals that did not induce nausea on impact. I was drastically wrong. Queasy memories of freshman year flood back to me watching my roommate run out of the Garden Room every night with dry heaves. I am not alone in having to occasionally reencounter my dinners or lunches in the bushes behind Seeger's Union after leaving the "all you can try to eat" Garden Room. I found myself with a subconsciously regimented diet of GQ salads, store bought foods, and questions, starting with this one: What's wrong with the Garden Room?

Let us cast an evaluative glimpse on our eating vicinity, and why it doesn't work, by following the trail of a hungry student. Prudence is famished; she makes her way to the entrance of the Garden Room and draws her student ID to be swiped. Instantly, upon entrance, Prudence is knocked sideways by an appalling stench. On Prudence's right lies the strategically placed dishroom, where concealed food runs into the drains on the floor and weak but menacing detergents mingle with the aromas of victuals for a pungent and decidedly unappetizing odor. Already, Prudence is wondering if she should just not eat ever again, but she forges ahead instead to the food.

In attempts to not rant too much, I shall make this somewhat expeditious. Prudence is faced with one of life's greatest choices: between pasta overcooked to the extent that one may suck it through a straw, saladstuffs that are fresh on Russian roulette's odds, steadily coagulating Campbell's soup, aged cold cuts, and meats/fried foods prepared with enough grease to thoroughly lubricate a Peterbilt 18-wheeler's engine. Prudence is stumped. She has just enough gastric juice and patience to go with dried cereal and soggy fruit before the non-enticing reek of the sub-aqua dishroom once again attacks her bowels on the way out. Sorry, Prudence.

So did Scotty Wood have a bad four years at Muhlenberg College, upon deciding to make his foods the hand of vengeance upon posterity? Or has he simply never realized that his food might be more useful in cans with Friskies and Alpo labeled on them? In the meantime, I am somewhat comfortable with my current diet, in hopes that college forces might re-examine what Prudence and many other students pay to endure in place of a decent meal.

MCTV: There *is* a lot to do

Annie Glass
Weekly Guest Columnist

When was the last time you watched Muhlenberg College Television? Can't remember? Is that because MCTV rarely ever has programming on? There are two student talk shows, which understandably can only be made a couple times a semester. Then there's the broadcasting of the most recent Student Council meeting, which is shown once a week, and is pretty hard to catch. Other than that, there's nothing to watch on MCTV.

The question I ask then is this: Why can't MCTV show tapings of the many events on campus? Regardless of what the popular opinion of Muhlenberg's social life may be, there is a lot going on around here. Why is there dead air on Channel 21 when there could just as easily be tapings of the many events on campus? I know I would enjoy watching the women's basketball games, the "Living Writers" guest speakers, one of the dance, choir or theatre performances if given the opportunity.

Broadcasting the Student Council meetings is a great idea, so that students who don't attend the meetings can still stay informed -- and do so at their leisure! Why are the meetings broadcast just once a week, though? If the meeting is already taped, why not air it a couple of times, instead of showing dead air? That's just all the more students that will see it.

There's a great chance that a student will flip channels one evening and stop and watch a taping of a speaker that they never had any intentions of actually attending the lecture of, and will consequently learn something. By simply taping and broadcasting what's going on around campus, student awareness and involvement could greatly increase. If Muhlenberg already has the resources to do so, why aren't we given this opportunity to take better advantage of the many happenings on campus? Many things, like the comedians, game shows, student bands and psychics that come to the Red Door each weekend would be very entertaining for students to watch in the comfort of their own dorm rooms. With MCTV constantly offering viewings of all that happens around Muhlenberg, not only will students' interests increase, but also the common rumor of Muhlenberg "having nothing to do" will be dispelled.

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Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!

EVAN HALPERIN

NUGGETS FOR KNOWLEDGE

When visiting several schools, before matriculating to Muhlenberg, I came to notice that many universities are extremely meticulous when it comes to landscaping and their overall care for the campus. Several places prohibit students and faculty from walking on certain grass areas as a way to keep the campus looking nice. When walking down Academic Row, I have started to notice that more and more rocks are being placed along side the path. But why? Students seem to move them, only for their imminent placement back on the side. Can't we be a little craftier when it comes to making the academic stretch of our campus a little nicer? Seriously people, couldn't we place a few interlocking-paver stones down in that cut-through by Ettinger? Or is that too much to ask?

Another problem that I noticed when I began to attend this school last year: doesn't Prosser Hall look really ugly? The building itself isn't exactly the most spectacular sights on campus, so couldn't we at least put some ivy on it making it look semi-respectable? Maybe, just maybe, the freshman prison-house will be a little more appealing to the eye. Having lived in Prosser, and I can tell you that I didn't live there for its looks.

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In addition to these problems, I have also observed that other dorms could use a little "fixing up" as well. For instance, without naming names, one dorm could use some more modern desks, beds, chairs, etc. Not to be picky, but in this computer age, a desk that would accommodate a computer monitor would be fantastic. As lovely as Prosser is, I did have brand new furniture, which was great, since I didn't get any of that high-tech air-conditioning that they have over in Walz Hall. Not to lose sight of the real issue, but would we ever contemplate doing some renovations to some of the dorms that lack the zest of life?

Another complaint of mine deals with the pricing of our meal-plans. For a student to get the 225 declining meal plan you pay in the upwards of $1,450. However, if you are getting swipes in the GQ for $3.80, you really should be paying $779. That's quite a discrepancy. Furthermore, breakfast swipes are staggering $2.80. It seems like we are really getting shafted here. Students come to Muhlenberg for its academics, its friendly atmosphere, as well as youthful calisthenics. Ladies and gentleman, I implore you, don't let our school fall into the abyss of

Looking forward to V-day

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

When most people think about Valentine's Day, a few distinct images pop into their heads: hearts, candy and flowers. It seems a sort of unwritten rule that if you have a "significant other", Feb. 14 is supposed to be that happiest day of the year, but if not, then you are relegated to sitting in your room moping about how there is no one special in your life. Well I for one think that's not entirely accurate.

I, who am not currently in a relationship (and not ashamed of that one bit), refuse to sit around and mope on Valentine's Day. Those people who dress in black and feel the need to "skip" the day are just feeling sorry for themselves. I will admit that at times thinking of the cute couples getting together for a romantic dinner is a little saddening, but seriously, don't people go out for dinner on every other day of the year? Why should one specific day make you feel worse than any other?

Isn't Valentine's Day simply all about love? There is no specification on what type of love that is. Nowhere does it say the only love to be celebrated is that between a man and a woman (or a man and a man or woman and a woman; whatever your personal preference may be). There are many other kinds of love that are just as important, if not more important than the passionate kind. How about the love between mother and child or the love among friends? We, who have family and friends around to care about us, are some of the luckiest people in the world. The missing special someone in our lives should not cancel out all the rest. It seems that some people cannot just be happy for those who have found a relationship and instead they feel the need to tear them others, those are the people who need love the most. This holiday is especially for them.

When...the thought of seeing another heart makes you want to scream, just stop.

When you feel overwhelmed with pink and red ribbon and the thought of seeing another heart makes you want to scream, just stop. Think about all those people in your life who you love. Call you sister up and tell her that you love her or send your best friend a card. I'm not saying that you have to be happy and cheerful the whole day, that task does seem daunting, but there is no way anyone can feel better by sulking. If you are sad because you lack a valentine, don't be; think about all those people who lack one too, and take comfort in the fact that the Godiva chocolates you can buy for yourself taste just as good as those given to you by someone else.

Black boxes on the rise

Jessica Katz
Weekly Guest Columnist

Muhlenberg is a college known for many things including its nurturing faculty and student body, its academic and athletic excellence and, more recently, its outstanding theatre department. Not only has our theatre department been recognized for its accomplished faculty, Summer Music Theatre, and professional quality Mainstage Productions, the Black Box Productions are really gaining recognition as well.

The Muhlenberg Theatre Association's (MTA) Black Box Productions are student run and are done in the Black Box theatre in the Trexler Pavilion. They are now even being expanded to the Martin Luther Underground as well. This semester's productions are going to be entertaining and thought provoking, certainly something to see.

On the first weekend of productions, "Beyond our Control", "For Anne", "English Made Simple" and "Sorry" will be taking place. "Beyond our Control" concerns students trying to deal with issues ranging from image to religious acceptance. "For Anne" is a beautiful story about love between an elderly couple that is rekindled. "English Made Simple" is about relationships as told through a Jack and Jill story. "Sorry" is a play about young people trying to find themselves.

On the next weekend of shows, there is a collaborative musical performance piece called "Welcome to our Party". "Puppets Dallying" is a show concerning Shakespearean characters on a talk show. Another show, "Time Flies" is the story of two May flies on a pond. "Wandering", is another piece that concerns war and human values.

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Weekly Discourse: Valentine's Day

A day for love or a commercialized holiday?

Lauren McCallion

Weekly Guest Columnist

To most people in this day and age, Valentine's Day is thought of as nothing but a commercial holiday. People who are paired off are the privileged ones that can partake in the celebrations of this day, while people who are by themselves are shown how lonely they really are. On this day of the year, card and candy companies try to make money off of emotions that people should be showing everyday of their lives. Although this is true to some extent, it is the individual perceptions of the people that have given this holiday its bad name. Why should people only show their love on one day of the year? Many people ask this question and my reply is that people should show there love every single day of the year but take this holiday to stop and think about all the love from family and friends that they are receiving themselves.

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When people are in your everyday lives, they become part of the usual routine and although they are loved, it is hard to remember to express yourself in a meaningful way every single day. Even if you are emotionally attached to someone who is not around you all the time, this day gives you just one more excuse to either call, or stop and think about this person.

The origin of this holiday stems from a religious suppression by a Roman Emperor and a saint, named Valentinus, who would not live under his rules. This saint continued to practice Christianity even though it would eventually lead him to his assassination. One day, a blind girl from the village came to Valentinus and asked him to help her get her sight back. Valentinus' medicines did not have an immediate effect so he remained with this girl until she was able to see again. During this time period, he taught her about God, love and the importance of people around her. Before she was cured, Valentinus was imprisoned and killed. His last request was to write a note to this girl that he had become so close with. At the end of the note, he signed it by writing "From your Valentine." The girl received this note and as soon as it touched her hand, she regained her sight and those were the first words that she read.

Saint Valentinus was killed on Feb. 14, hence Saint Valentine's Day. It is a holiday of love and appreciation, not just for a significant other but for everyone around you. On each Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love and devotion are still exchanged around the world and although companies make money off of this day, it is after all, the public who buy these items that has lost sight of what this day is actually named after.

Becca Van Aken

Weekly Guest Columnist

Ahh, love is in the air! It's Valentine's Day once again -- a time for love, romance and passion. Godiva chocolates, red roses, conversation hearts, and Hallmark greeting cards help couples to celebrate this sweetheart holiday. Valentine's Day, however wasn't always about giving heart valentines and gifts.

Valentine's Day was derived from the spring Roman feast. During ancient Roman times, fierce wolves plagued the woods. The Romans had a feast on Feb. 15 for their god, Lupercalia in the hopes of protecting their city. Name drawing was a Roman custom during this feast, in which unmarried Roman girls names were dropped in a jar. Each young man would pick a name; the girl's whose name was on the paper was his sweetheart for the rest of the year.

Valentine's Day began, as we know it, after the beheading of a priest named Valentine. During the start of Roman Christianity, Claudius II mandated that all of the Roman soldiers remain unmarried. Valentine disobeyed the emperor's orders and married couples in secret. He was discovered, arrested and killed on the eve of the Lupercalia feast. After his death, Valentine became a saint, and the spring holiday was changed from the Lupercalia feast to Valentine's Day.

The celebration of Valentine's Day has changed considerably since its creation. Valentines became popular in the Middle Ages when lovers sang or spoke their heart-felt messages. Homemade paper valentines were especially popular in England in various forms, such as acrostic valentines, verses in which the first lines spelled out the sweetheart's name, cutout valentines, lacey designs, and puzzle purse valentines, a folded puzzle to read and figure out.

Since the creation of the greeting card industry, Valentine's Day has become over commercialized and trivial. Today people do not spend the time or effort on Valentine's Day. For most people, giving valentines has become a burdensome chore. Simply going to Hallmark to pick out your loved ones' cards can be overwhelming and daunting. Valentines are no longer simple; instead they are elaborate in material and message. Valentines come in a variety of categories from funny, serious, romanticand pseudo- romantic.

Picking out the perfect Valentine's Day gift can be even more challenging. From Godiva to Gertrude Hawk, there are a variety of chocolate companies to choose from. Flowers, such as roses, can be purchased from Phoebe's Floral Shop or Giant, in the Cedar Crest Plaza. Valentine's fever has even swept Seegers in Muhlenberg's own bookstore. From valentine beanie baby bears to 'Someone at Muhlenberg loves you' picture frames, the Muhlenberg school store seems to be marketing on the need for valentines.

Valentine's Day should be day for love and loved ones -- not a day for the greeting cards industry, so instead of simply buying the typical red roses and chocolates, try to give your valentine something truly heart-felt and special. Write a poem, make a homemade valentine or create a scrapbook, but most of all, tell that special someone that you care.

Students making magic

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During the last weekend of Black Box productions, "Genesis; an Arts Collaborative", an experimental theatre piece, is being staged. "Deus Volt" is a story of people fighting for their ideals. "Rena: the Musical" is the prequel to last year's "Silly Putty". Last and certainly not least is "Let me be Frank" is a story of exploration of identity and emotion.

Here we have six student-written and/or created productions and others that are student-directed, stage managed, and otherwise ran by students. Our theatre department is producing some creative and talented artists who are doing great things. Come and support them and be part of the magic, which is theatre.

The Brothers and Sisters of Alpha Phi Omega welcome this semester's inductees.

Congratulations to:

Drew Hedges
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Amanda Scratchard
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Next week's Discourse: Are athletic scholarships legitimate or not?

Interested in writing for Discourse, contact Allison @ ext. 6061

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Urban dilemmas strike a chord

Penn professor speaks on welfare reform

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

Elijah Anderson, Ph.D., a professor of sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, gave a lecture on welfare reform to a packed group of listeners in Lithgow Science Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Anderson, an acclaimed author and ethnographer as well, has written several revered sociological articles and books on the black experience, including *A Place on the Corner: A Study of Black Street Corner Men* (1978) and his most recent book, *The Code of the Street: Decency, Violence and the Moral Life of the Inner City* (1999).

Anderson stressed the fact that much of Allentown and Philadelphia's poverty is not the fault of the individual, but rather falls under the category of "structural poverty." He described how there is nothing morally wrong with many of the impoverished people who rely on welfare. Therefore, Anderson explained, others who are privileged and unfamiliar with the real-life function of welfare "can't blame the victim."

Anderson also spoke of how the context of the global economy and major corporations has negatively affected people on welfare who want to join the workforce. He expressed how industrialization has played a major role in forming urban poverty by eliminating many low-skill jobs from the US and sending more jobs to developing countries in order to maximize profits.

He made a clear depiction of the ghetto community at Ground Zero that he studied.

Dr. Elijah Anderson spoke to a crowd that filled Lithgow Science Auditorium.

Photo by Greta Bergstresser

He gave several case studies of different people whose lives he had analyzed, and delineated why it is so difficult for people living in poverty-stricken areas to escape the reliance upon both illicit activities and welfare for survival.

Anderson explained that welfare reform "impacts the whole community and not

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New group discusses personal sexual issues

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

A "Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender" question and support group was recently started by Ryan Kerian '02 and Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, for students at the College.

The support group meets to discuss any personal issues that the members wish to address. Their discussions give students a chance to interact and receive therapeutic advice.

The group began when several students approached Kelly and requested a support group. Kelly said, "If a few students are out there requesting a group then there are probably more who would like it but don't have the nerve to request it."

Working together on promotion and advertising, Kerian and Kelly began what is the College's first support group for the gay and lesbian community.

Although the first meeting had low attendance, those that were there seemed to truly benefit from the discussions brought up, according to Kelly. The group gives students a chance to bring up any issue they would like to discuss and talk about it with their peers.

Kelly stressed that everything said at the meetings stays within the group. Kelly called it a completely confidential "safe place" for students to talk.

The group also allows for social interaction. "It is also a way to develop social relationships and meet new people. But its main purpose really is a therapeutic one. It's a place to talk," explained Kerian.

While the "Alliance", a student organization that is run separately from the support group, does exist on campus, this new support group appears to be the first in therapeutic nature.

Kerian feels that talking is an extremely important outlet

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 6 – Harassment by Communication – A Prosser Hall resident received several phone calls from an unknown person. Campus Safety is currently working with the student to resolve it.

Feb. 6 – Theft – A golf cart was stolen from the Trexler Library lot. It has been recovered.

Feb. 6 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2145 Chew Street from frying chicken.

Feb. 6 – Failure to Evacuate – The residents of 2145 Chew Street were found inside their house when the fire alarm was going off.

Feb. 6 – Fire Safety Violation – The door to the third floor of the residence at 2145 Chew Street had been removed.

Feb. 6 – Injured Student – A student's left ankle was injured in the Life Sports Center. The student was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Feb. 7 – Suspicious Person – An Evening College student was found wandering around on campus, saying she believed she was being followed by the FBI.

Feb. 9 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The front passenger window of a car parked on 2333 Liberty Street was found smashed.

Feb. 9 – Investigate Suspicious Substance – A copy of *People Magazine* was turned into Campus Safety when a suspicious substance was found inside the pages. The substance is possibly cornstarch, which is commonly used in *People Magazine*. The magazine was sent out for analysis.

Feb. 10 – Criminal Mischief – A basement window in Prosser Hall was kicked out. The cause is unknown.

Feb. 10 – Alcohol Violation – One Prosser Hall resident was found in possession of alcohol. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 10 – Vandalism – A light bulb was found knocked onto the floor in the Underground in Martin Luther Hall.

Feb. 10 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off on the second floor of 417 Leh Street from making pancakes.

Feb. 11 – Injured Student – A student received a nose injury as a result of walking into a glass window next to a door in the Trexler Pavilion. The student was transferred to the Cedar Crest I-78 Hospital.

Feb. 11 – Trespass – Three juvenile rollerbladers were found trespassing near the Center for the Arts and the Trexler Pavilion. Two received letters of trespass and one, a seventeen-year-old, was arrested after having previously been issued a letter of trespass.

Feb. 11 – Vandalism – A damaged windowpane was found in South Hall. The cause of the damage is unknown.

Feb. 11 – Theft – A decorative nameplate was taken from a door in Martin Luther Hall.

Feb. 12 – Vandalism – Graffiti was found on the wall of the second floor of Prosser Hall.

Feb. 12 – Vandalism – A rock was thrown against the door of 2235 Gordon Street, which dented the door.

Feb. 12 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 432 N. Albright Street from steam from a shower.

Feb. 12 – Vandalism – Graffiti was found on the inside of the elevator in Martin Luther Hall.

Big brothers and sisters help

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where the interests of both the big brother and big sister are matched with those interests of the little brother or little sister and his or her parents.

The "bigs" and "littles" meet for about two to four hours a week. Because of the time spent away from the College due to breaks, the College's students are to have a two-year commitment to the program.

By spending time together, a relationship is built where the big becomes a positive influence in his or her little's life. The big also acts as someone the child can come to if he or she has any problems.

Lara Koberlein is the case manager for the College's participants in the BBBS program.

"Lara is the mediator if any problems arise in the program," said Barrett. "She makes sure that things go smoothly within the program."

"During breaks the college students usually keep in touch by phone or by writing letters," said Kessler. "If you live close enough to the little brother or sister, you can visit once in a while as well."

The big brother/big sister experience seems to be a very positive one for all who are involved.

"There's always something new," said Barrett.

There is a long list of little brothers in need of big brothers in the Allentown area. Any students interested in participating in the program should contact Lara Koberlein at 610-439-1618.

Future teachers leave campus comfort zone

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field work assignments. She said that the first order of business is to diffuse the students' fears.

Because many of the first assignments assigned are in the City of Allentown, Drayton-Craig said students sometimes see that they may not have taken advantage of possible opportunities for multicultural interaction.

The students need to learn about race before beginning their fieldwork.

After the students have spent two weeks in the field, they return to the classroom to discuss what they have observed. Drayton-Craig explained that the discussions often focus on how the students' own educational experiences were different from that which they observe in the city, especially in the area of discipline.

Drayton-Craig gives the students personal surveys so they can reflect on the extent to which they have interacted with individuals from varying backgrounds, especially Asian-Americans, African-Americans and Latinos.

After the students fill out the surveys, they participate in a group discussion.

Dr. Pearl Rosenberg, Associate Professor of Education, said that parental involvement in the city school districts is also different from what many education students are used to. She commented that in her Educational Psychology class, racism has been discussed in connection with students' field notes. An important issue that was raised in her class concerned an African-American student who called his white teacher a racist after she asked him to hand in his paper first. Rosenberg found this to be a teachable moment and led the class in a discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of ignoring the statement.

Juda Babuschack '02 and her cooperating teacher, Lorena Weatherhold, review a lesson plan. Babuschack student teaches at South Mountain Middle School.

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Cathy Kim, Assistant Professor of Education, said it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between a racial stereotype and a cultural practice. Drayton-Craig tells the students to enter the classroom with few assumptions while at the same time understanding various cultural backgrounds. Milligan thinks it is imperative that Education students learn about the wider world even before beginning their student teaching.

Dr. Michael Carbone, Head of the Education Department, said that about half of the field work assigned to education students takes place in urban areas to help them prepare for their teaching careers. He believes it is important for Education students to explore the issue of racism because many have so little experience. He commented that some may not even know if they are racists because they have never really been tested in situations with diverse groups of individuals. Carbone also said that the Education department takes the issue of diversity very seriously and that the Office of Multicultural Life is instrumental in helping Education students.

Kristin Flagg '02, a student teacher for sixth graders and Co-President of the International Students Association, attends the events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Life. She believes that going to these events gives students, "an appreciation and awareness that they might not have had." She explained that working well with a diverse group of individuals cannot be taught solely in a classroom. Attending events held by the Office of Multicultural Life is "always good, to get that extra awareness level," Flagg said. Although she has found that field work may be more effective, she still thinks it is important for students to go to the events to gain a basis of understanding.

OFF CAMPUS

Jean Moulin University – A commission of research historians will study the phenomenon of Holocaust denial among academics and students at a university in the southern French city of Lyon, the Education Ministry announced Monday. The commission was conceived by Education Minister Jack Lang, who last year proposed examining academic support for revisionism at Jean Moulin University, or Lyon III. Student associations at Lyon III have long complained that professors approved student research that calls into question the scope of the Nazi extermination of Jews during World War II.

Moravian College – Five students at Moravian College were among volunteers honored Friday for their volunteer work with youths under probation supervision. The students volunteered for a tutoring and mentoring program started by Lehigh County's juvenile probation department. At a reception in Fogelsville, the probation department and the IMPACT Project, a private children and youth agency in Emmaus and Macungie, gave awards to people who serve on community justice panels and participate in mentoring programs. Lucy McCammon, a Moravian sociology professor, received a meritorious service award for helping launch the program six years ago and keeping it going.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 26	High: 49 Low: 28	High: 48 Low: 25

Let's talk about sex

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for students and felt the need for a support group on campus. "It is hard for people to talk about these issues," Kerian said. "People feel alienated. This was a good thing for me to do before I leave Muhlenberg."

The Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender group will continue even after Kerian graduates. According to Kelly, the counseling service certainly plans to offer the support group to students in the future.

Kelly stated, "We definitely plan on continuing despite the fact that attendance was low. Hopefully more people will start showing up. There definitely seems to be a need for this sort of group."

Speaking out on welfare reform

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just the individual," and how reforming welfare's current status is so difficult because many factors are implicated.

Dr. Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor in the Sociology and Anthropology department, said "he spoke about race, class, gender and poverty in his talk tonight, and highlighted the interwoven nature of these categories."

Anderson also discussed how investment is a key ingredient to successfully helping people on welfare, describing the need for both economic investment and an investment in human capital.

After several heated questions from the audience to which Dr. Anderson responded deftly, the lecture came to a close.

Many students said that they appreciated the fascinating and complicated aspects of welfare reform. Devon Ambler '05 summarized many people's reactions when she said that Anderson "did a good job presenting his point." Michael Strauss '05 agreed with her and said, "it was very interesting to learn about something I know so little about."

The lecture was a part of Black History Month at the College, and was sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Office of Multicultural Life, the Center for Ethics and Leadership, the Chapel, the Dean of the Faculty and the Lectures and Forums Committee.

Learning how to become a leader

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Lehigh Middle School and Jeff Vaughn '89, Executive Director of Corporate Communications Worldwide for Rodale, Inc. Another speaker was Susan L. Williams, founder of Susan Williams & Associates, the consulting firm she created.

The conference kicked off with a keynote address by Congressman Pat Toomey (R-Pa), during which he discussed the qualities that lay a foundation for a good leader. He emphasized that leadership is not about positions of power, but rather an ability to develop a vision and then convince people with words and actions to follow that vision. Leadership is made up of several different components, according to Toomey; however, he believed that integrity -- doing the right thing when no one else is watching -- and courage, the willingness to take risk for the right cause -- were the two most important values of effective leaders.

Toomey emphasized that it is imperative that these traits be exercised at all times because leadership is not innate; it is something that we can develop every day by abiding to the above principles. Other qualities he thought should be fostered are intelligence, ingenuity, conviction and a sense of timing to know when and how to confront barriers.

Following the keynote, Toomey opened the floor to questions from the audience. Perhaps the most pertinent question asked was: "What can we do to prepare to be a leader after Muhlenberg?" The congressman urged in his response that students develop the previously discussed traits and think about the small decisions we make every day.

Following Toomey's opening remarks, students participated in breakout sessions. Students chose to hear one of the six speakers for the first session, and then attended another presentation of their choice for the second session. Throughout Dana Dioro's presentation she asked students to list the major questions they had come across when trying to be a leader. A couple of students said they were concerned about the boundaries between being a friend and a leader. Dioro admitted that people might look at you differently as a leader. As president of her class her freshman year here at the College, Dioro faced the challenge of socializing and going to parties, while still maintaining her leadership status. She emphasized that as a leader, it is important to remember to respect the people you lead. Treating people the way you want to be treated is a major part of being a leader of a team over a dozen employees at Xerox and was something she said she learned at the College. When people ask Dioro where she learned her leadership skills, she says, "I got my leadership skills at Muhlenberg." "There's so much you can do on campus [to be a leader]," she added.

Mike Doyle, the Vice President of Ketchum Public Relations, emphasized that "everyone has their own definition of leadership." Like Dioro, Doyle focused on highlighting what students thought were leadership skills throughout his 40-minute presentation. He broke students into two groups for some problem solving that involved a hypothetical situation. Both Dioro and Doyle emphasized that having a positive attitude is a key aspect of being a leader.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, Susan Williams made some closing remarks about managing the consulting firm that she began. A reception followed where all the speakers, excluding Toomey, were available for students to approach. The conference was an avenue for speakers to inform students about what leadership means for them now and while they were in college. Students probably won't remember every piece of advice from the experienced leaders, but they may propel themselves to continue to lead at the undergraduate level and beyond.

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Mike Stankowitz

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Matt Bernardo - Football/Men's Track
Raushan Person - Football/ Men's Basketball
Aaron Holden - Men's Basketball
Toomey Anderson - Men's Basketball
Doug Folger - Football
Carolyn Schoen - Women's Track
Becky Richmond - Women's Basketball
Lindsay Penvose - Athletic Trainer
Laura Diez/Kari Barclift - Women's Field Hockey
Allison Auclair - Women's Volleyball
Lauren Cohen - Cheerleading
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Friendly and entertaining duet: *Karen's Crutch*

life! *review*

Matt Koch jams on his guiter during the performance in the Red Door.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

This past Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m., students and other members of the College Community gathered in the Red Door's intimate setting to listen to Karen's Crutch perform. The band's members, Rob Harvey, a student at Muhlenberg, and Matt Koch, at Wilkes University, entertained their attentive audience. They played an hour-long set which consisted of fifteen songs.

Providing a brief explanation of their songs and joking with the audience in between pieces, both Rob and Matt created a very relaxed atmosphere. They wrote the majority of the songs themselves. They did, however, perform a medley of cover songs by Bare Naked Ladies, as well as pieces by Pearl Jam, REM and Caroline Spine.

The evening show began with Rob and Matt sitting on stools and illuminated by a flood of yellow light. The brightness allowed the audience to clearly see Rob's worn cargo pants and Matt's t-shirt featuring a picture of Jim Morrison, above which was the phrase, "The American Poet."

The first song that Rob and Matt performed was titled "The Day" and was written by the guys themselves.

Approximately halfway through their performance, between sips from his water bottle, Rob made a remark about the underlying theme residing in almost all of his songs. The theme to which Rob referred is one based on loss and anger. While a majority of Karen's Crutch's songs deal with such issues Rob explained to his listeners, "I'm not a depressing person. These songs are just my outlet." In fact, one could say that Rob and Matt's music is a type of release for all those who listen to it, because everyone is able to relate to some aspect of its message.

The duet, Rob Harvey '02 and Matt Koch create an amazing performance.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Shortly before the end of the concert, Rob and Matt began their piece titled "Devil Man" combined with the introduction to Jim Morrison's song "Stranger." "It was a collaboration," Rob jokingly remarked as he set down his water bottle and began strumming his guitar.

After playing the last song on their set list and expressing their appreciation to the audience for coming, the band members were urged by their listeners to play one last piece. Smiling, both Rob and Matt sat back down and played "Losing My Religion", by REM.

If you didn't catch Karen's Crutch this past weekend, keep an eye out for their flyers announcing the date of their next performance.

Question of the Week: *Who would be your dream Valentine?*

"Brad Pitt, because he is cute."
- Teri Krystel '03

"Dean Cain because he is my superman!"
- Jaclyn Minkoff '04

"My girlfriend Jen, because she's abroad right now."
- Seth Williams '03

"Brad Renfro because he is a great actor and he is good looking!"
- Annabelle Menunier '04

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It's a *Winter Wonderland*

By Amanda Phillips
Asst. Life! Editor

While the weather was considerably warm for a February night, the feeling given by the Freshman Semi-Formal was definitely that of a Winter Wonderland. The event, which was held on Saturday, the 9th, took place in the Garden Room. The room was decorated with blue, silver, and white to go with the night's theme. More impressive than the decorations, however, was the turnout.

The dance floor was packed for the majority of the time, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. when the party ended. It certainly seemed as though the Semi-Formal was one of the most highly attended of all the school's dance parties. Shouts of "this is great!" or "this is the best song, let's dance!" were heard constantly over the beat of the music mixed by the DJ.

The music itself was a varied blend of songs from the 50's to the 80's, to hip hop and rap songs from today. "We Are Family," "Smooth Criminal," and "Uptown Girl" were just a few of the selections that had groups of people running for the dance floor:

For those who wanted to sit a few dances out, Wood Dining Services provided a table of refreshments, including cookies, chips and salsa, and "mocktails." Hershey's Kisses were scattered around the tables, and groups of friend gathered around and could talk, much like at a prom.

The proceeds from the dance benefit the Class of 2005. The event was sponsored by the class officers and representatives. At the end of the dance, each of the representatives present were introduced to the class. When they asked if everyone was having a good time, the only answers were cheering, and more dancing.

Muhlenberg's Top 5: Bad Gift Ideas for Valentine's Day

5. A new set of snow tires
4. Anything from Dollar Tree
3. Dinner in GQ
2. An STD
1. Nothing

By Kelly Anne Robertson

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL:

To: Keck House Girls
I love you girls. Thanks for being the best friends ever! XOXOXO

From: Jackie

To: Milk
With every snowflake that falls, with every sun that sets and rises, my love for you grows deeper amd truer. I want forever and longer pinky swear.

From: Cookie

To: KP & KH, AC, AW, ST (my brownies), KL, GG, & CS (my fabulous suitees), JP & KD
Thank you all for everything. You all mean so much to me! "UPS" XOXOXOXO

From: Bekka

Interview with punk band, Sum 41

By Andy Winkler and Todd Machtley
Weekly Guest Writers

The band Sum 41, has hit the US mainstream punk world by storm in the past few years with the release of their second album on Island Records titled, "All Killer, No Filler". The album made it onto the Billboard top 100 albums of 2001. Then after a short stint on the MTV Campus Invasion Tour and the release of their first single on MTV and commercial radio, "Fat Lip," more and more people started to take notice of the Canadian punk group.

We recently received a warm Canadian welcome from the band when we caught up with them on their tour bus at a recent show in Philadelphia. After a screening of the film *FUBAR* the entire band decided to take a break, hang out and chat with us. They couldn't believe we had never seen or heard of *FUBAR*. But, later we looked up and found that it was the Canadian versions of MTV's popular television show "Jackass."

Even though the entire band was lounging on the bus, Deryck Whibley (AKA Bizzy D, the lead singer) did the majority of the talking. He informed us on the whole history of the band. They began by explaining how they chose their name, saying it was because they formed the band 41 days into their high-school summer vacation. Sum 41, as a whole, is influenced by an onslaught of metal bands and punk bands such as Pennywise, NOFX and Rancid, among others. On the subject of "making it in the music industry", the band stated constant touring, writing "a bunch of good songs" and working on how to properly play out live, are all crucial to an upcoming band's ultimate success.

Sum 41 has become a US mainstream punk band.
Photo by Andy Winkler

On stage, the band's audience contact and high-charged energy is extraordinary. With the drummer's "flaming sticks" (yes they were actually on fire), inviting people on stage and solos from everyone in the band to highlighting their individual talents, they prove that they know how to win over the audience. They can take a simple situation and create an almost surreal environment

To further launch their success, the band has lent its talent to a slew of movie and video game soundtracks such as "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" movies *American Pie II* and a "possible" contribution to the upcoming live action *Spiderman* movie.

With each day, these Canadian rockers look to create more havoc on their current tour in their hometown of Ajax, Canada, but most importantly to create music that will leave a lasting impression on their present and future fans.

The band is currently touring Australia followed by Europe where they will play one of their "favorite" venues London's Brixton Academy.

Look out Juliard, here comes the 'Berg

By Joslyn DeLancey
Weekly Staff Writer

Look out Juliard, because Muhlenberg has its own school of dancers that will knock your socks off. Last Thursday was the premiere of the three-night performance of the Faculty Choreographed Dance Show. The show was a two-hour production of stunning, provocative and most of all unique works.

One of the reasons for the show's unique quality was the eclectic variety of dance styles mixed together in order to showcase variety and skill. The dances ranged from ballet and tap, to jazz and modern styles. Each dance averaged approximately seven to eight minutes in length and many were performed to originally composed songs. Much of the music was performed live, which added an interesting perspective to the dances.

Tango Etudes, choreographed by Danny Buraczeski, the Baker Artist in Residence, was perhaps one of the most interesting works performed. Performed to Latin music, this jazz piece was a real show stopper. The striking black and red costumes were eye opening, and the energy and enthusiasm of the dancers made this dance fun to watch. Buraczeski will be able to show his jazz talents when he performs with JassDance, America's only concert jazz dance company, for the American College Dance Festival Northeast. The Minneapolis Star Tribune also honored him as Artist of the Year for the year 2000. Other great dances were Black Raspberry, a ballet choreographed by Megan Bonneua-McCool and Jennifer Kayle, and The Gathering, a modern piece by Susan Creitz.

All of these dances were under the artistic direction of Karen Dearborn and credit should be given to the talented dance professors that helped put together this wide variety of dances: Jennifer Kayle, Shelly Oliver, Susan Creitz and Kim Maniscalco. Guest professionals include lighting artist Susan Hamburger, pianist David Leonhardt, composer Bonnie Rideout, and choreographers Megan Bonneau-McCool, and Brad Parquette. Constance Case designed the elaborate costumes from the dance and theater departments.

Perhaps all of the credit should not be given as much to the choreographers but to the dancers as well, whose enthusiasm and spirit helped to bring the dances to life. The ensemble consisted of almost sixty Muhlenberg students, many of whom could be seen in more than one dance. Lori D'Orazio '03, described how exciting it is to start out with nothing, but a bunch of dancers and some music, and then to come out a couple of months later with seven or eight minutes of beautiful dancing. All of the dancers worked hard, and practiced long hours, juggling

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FACTOIDS ON FAITH

LENT: Lent is a Christian season of preparation for the principal yearly festival of Easter. It lasts 40 days and does not include Sundays, which are always considered a "little Easter." Originally, Lent was the time when new Christians prepared for their baptism, which took place at the Easter Vigil. It developed into a contemplative, penitential season for all Christians, who may reflect on it as a "journey with Jesus" to his final week of suffering and death. The name, "Lent," derives from the Anglo-Saxon word for "spring," which reflects the fact that in springtime the daylight hours "lengten" (lengthn).

Through the lens:

Comedian Michael Dean Ester performed in the Red Door on Friday, Feb. 8, from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. He had his audience rolling with laughter as he put on his one-man show.

Not the typical college band

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

The Donson Project is not exactly a typical name for a college band, but the five guys who make up this flavorful band bring a level of creativity unlike any other, so in a way it does seem fitting. The guys strolled into their show casually late, and began tuning their instruments, as their faithful audience eagerly waited for them to perform.

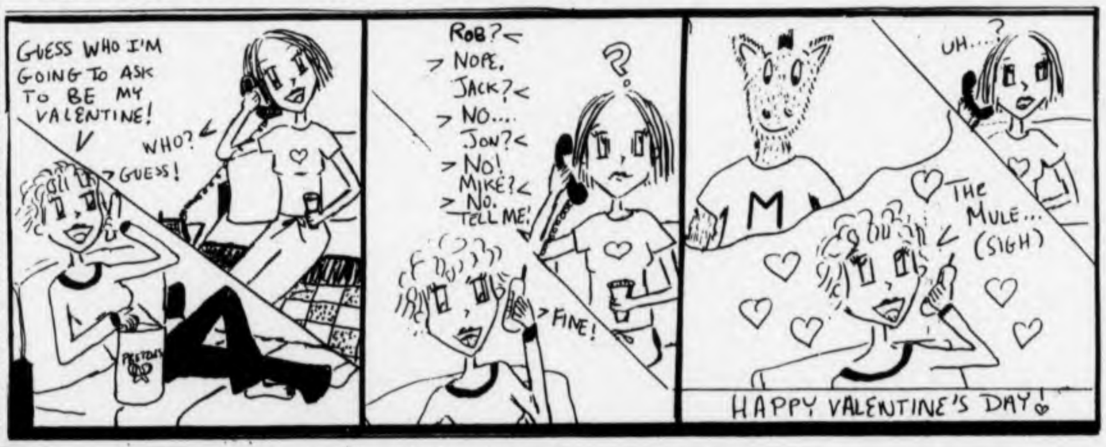
Among the multitude of sounds that slowly filtered through the air were the saxophone and vocals by Ben Donson (who the band was named for), the electric guitar and vocals by Brad Rosen, the drums by Josh Cooper, the bass by Matt McLaughlin and the keyboard by Brad Scheller.

At first their sound was slightly unorthodox, as so many different genres of music were infused into the mix. After a few minutes, however, the combination became familiar. The Donson Project is able to mold the diverse geners of jazz and rock, along with funk and blues to a collaboration that is truly unique. When speaking with Brad Scheller he stated, "Because of each person's completely different style of music that they enjoy, whether it be old jazz or Phish, we bring our own elements together to create a fresh sound." Whatever the formula for success they created seems to be working quite well, as they had so many of the audience nodding their heads and shaking their bodies in approval.

Ben Donson displaying his talent on the saxophone.
PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Although the entire set only consisted of seven songs, each one lasted a considerable length of time on account of the various "jam" time in between each song. In addition, there were two cover songs in the set including "Stir it Up," originally from Bob Marley, and "Down with Disease," originally from Phish. The Donson Project also served up a few great original songs, most notable being "Ideal World."

All in all, these guys know what the definition of musician truly means and extended songs abound. The Donson Project put on a great show, and proved their premier presence on the Muhlenberg music scene.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Gemini:
You might feel like telling everybody around you to get with it, PLEASE. Be patient, Gem — they'll wake up soon enough. You just happen to be a little ahead of the game.

Cancer:
Close friends are a source of comfort and support when you need them. Don't be shy about asking for help — they will be glad to stand by your side.

Leo:
There are a few things that you and your squeeze may have been ignoring lately but can't ignore any longer. It's time to deal with all the uncomfortable and icky details of your relationship today.

Virgo:
The orderly schedule you've planned for today may be completely wiped out at a moment's notice and total chaos may take over. Put your pretty smile on and pretend you like surprises.

Libra:
Figure out a crazy and irresistible way to get your crush's attention today. Maybe a surprise picnic during lunch hour or an original love song of your own creation? The conventional ways just won't do right now.

Scorpio:
You could be dragged onto a soap opera set, and you're hating every minute of it — or so you say. Perhaps you had more than a little to do with creating the drama; in fact, you could be one of the main players.

Sagittarius:
Be more open to romance in your life. Don't snub people because they're interested in you. Play the game with them — it's actually fun.

Capricorn:
You may be craving a change in the way you dress or present yourself to others. Doing something drastic probably won't make you happy, but a subtle but funky accessory might just do the trick.

Aquarius:
Don't be afraid of voicing your ideas. They may seem a little weird now, but you'll have to get used to the idea that all greatness begins with challenging the norm.

Pisces:
Make peace with a rocky relationship in your past and prepare to move on. Doing this might require a heart-to-heart with someone — it's not good to bottle this stuff up inside you.

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Tue-Thurs; 6:00, 8:10

Hart's War
Fri; 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sat; 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sun-Mon; 1:20, 4:20, 8:15
Tues-Thurs;5:30, 8:15

Big Fat Liar
Fri; 5:15, 7:50, 9:50
Sat; 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 9:50
Sun; 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45
Mon; 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45
Tue-Thurs; 5:50, 7:45

Collateral Damage
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Snowbound
Fri; 4:30, 7:00
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Black Hawk Down
Fri; 4:50, 8:00
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A Beautiful Mind
Fri; 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
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Tue-Thurs; 5:10, 8:00

'Berg dancers take the stage

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busy class schedules, other requirements, and commitments. It is amazing to see how the performances at Muhlenberg are put together in such a short time, with such remarkable outcomes.

Shows such as this, and others like the student choreographed dance show and student directed or written black box plays, give us the opportunity to see the talent that our faculty and fellow classmates have. They are resources that give us the chance to view different venues of dance, art, and theater through the eyes of peers. They are also great opportunities to get students involved in extra-curricular activities. If you missed the opportunity to view this great, and unique performance, you will have to wait until next year, to see another one like it.

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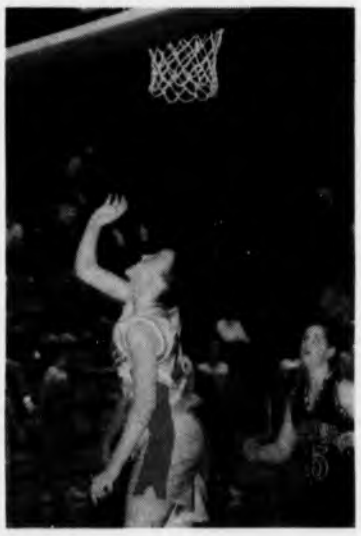

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:Mule Minutes

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Men's Basketball

Muhlenberg at Haverford
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002
Final Score: 83-59

Junior Anthony Strachan put back a missed shot with 8.4 seconds remaining in the game to lift Muhlenberg (17-5, 8-3) to a thrilling 82-81 win – its first at Washington since 1994.

The Mules trailed by as many as 10 points in a torrid first half in which the teams combined to shoot 55 percent from the field, but rallied to tie the score at 47 by halftime. They took an 80-76 lead with 1:47 left on a dunk by junior Aaron Holden, but the Shoremen, (8-14, 3-8) scored the next five points to go up by a point with 37 seconds to play.

After Strachan's basket, Washington called timeout to set up a final shot, but a jumper from the lane missed the mark.

Senior Mark Lesko recorded his 11th double-double of the season with game highs of 29 points and 13 rebounds. He also had three of the team's 10 blocked shots, helping the Mules set a school record of 121 blocks in a season.

Holden ended with 15 points, seven rebounds and four blocks, while senior Michael Barletta had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Muhlenberg is 12 games over .500 for the first time since the 1985-86 team finished 20-7, and remains a game ahead of Ursinus in the Centennial Conference East standings.

Scoreboard

Indoor Track

(New School Records)
Pole Vault, Jason App,
13 feet, 9.25 inches
4x400 meter relay,
Lesley Bruno, Diana
Garretto, Samantha
Sachleben and Amy
Ratner, 4:24.69

Women's Basketball

Wed., Feb. 6 vs.
Haverford, 80-56
Sat., Feb. 9 at
Washington (Md.), 76-60

Men's Basketball

Tue., Feb. 5 vs.
Haverford, 83-59
Sat., Feb. 9 at
Washington (Md.), 82-81

Wrestling

Sat., Feb. 9 vs.
Elizabethtown, 45-6
Sat., Feb. 9 vs.
Baptist Bible, 30-25

Spring sports season is coming!! Do you like any of the sports?

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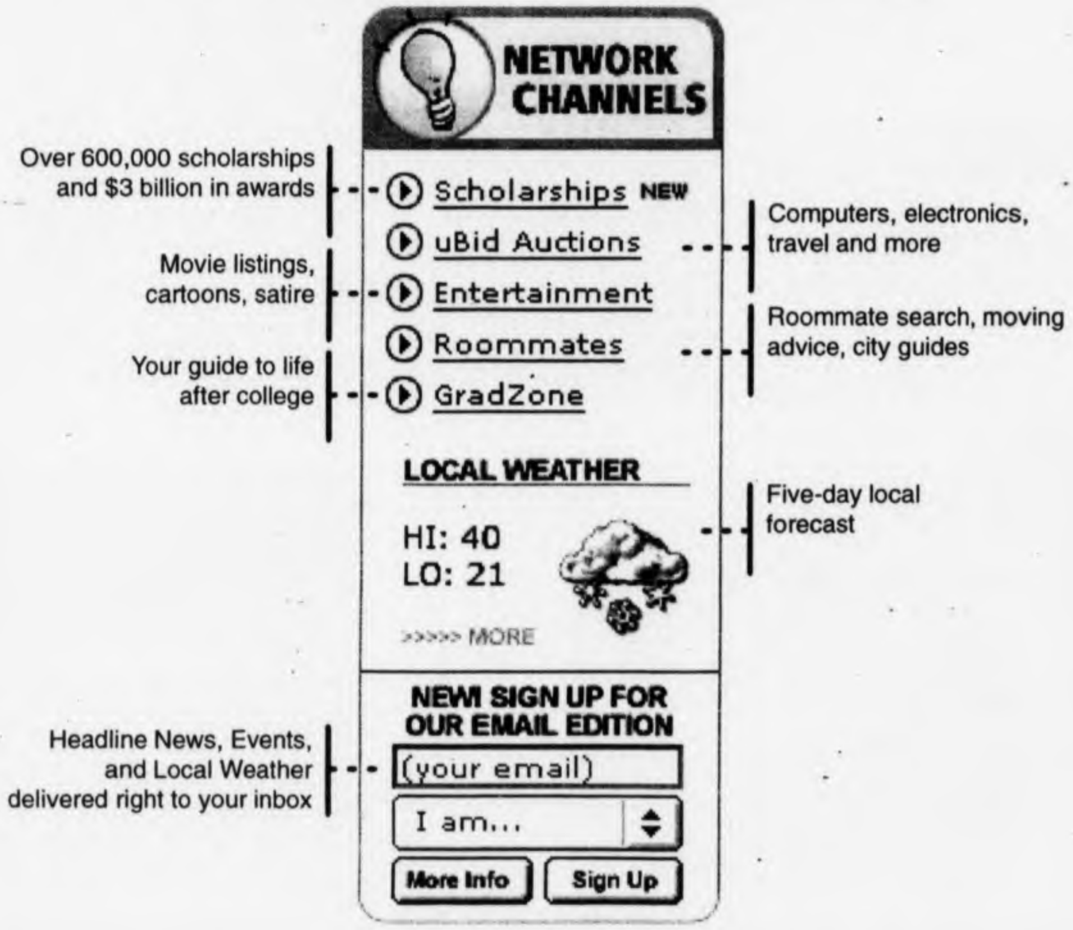
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Facts & Figures

Compiled by Sarah Niebler

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Freshman Ashlie Hankee's fastest time in the 55 meter hurdles during the indoor track season. This mark gives her the fastest time among all Centennial Conference runners.

12

The number of games above .500 the men's basketball team is after defeating Washington (Md.) on Saturday. This marks the first time the Mules have been this many games above .500 in over 15 years.

14

The ranking of the women's basketball team in the d3hoops.com rankings. The Mules, who fell to fourth ranked regional powerhouse King's College are ranked second in the Mid-Atlantic region as well.

17

The number of dual-meet wins the Mule wrestling team recorded during its regular season action. This ties the school record for number of wins in a season, which was set last year.

22

The school record for dual-meet individual wrestling victories in a season. Senior Bill Holsinger tied that mark with his 50-second pin of his Baptist Bible opponent on Saturday. Including tournament action, Holsinger finished 26-1.

26.2

The field goal shooting percentage of the women's basketball team in its game against King's College at home on Monday. The Mules' loss was their first home loss since the championship game of the Scotty Wood Tournament in 2000, twenty games ago.

Women's basketball handed only their third loss of the season

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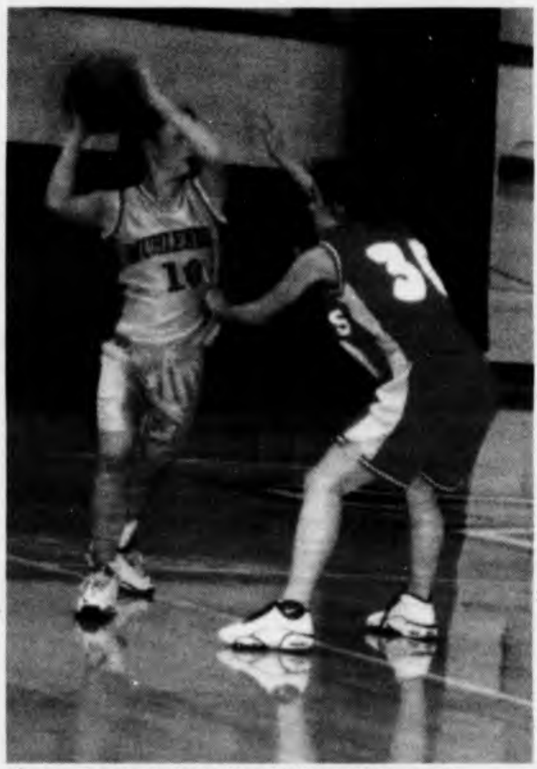
came out of the locker room dry. The Monarchs, however, were able to erase from their minds the scoring drought that plagued them at the end of the first half, and quickly pulled back out to a nine-point lead. The Mules did not run away with their tails between their legs. Instead, on two occasions, they reduced the lead to three points, but where never able to overtake the Lady Monarchs.

With just under nine minutes remaining in the contest, the Mules cut the Monarch lead to 44-41, with Lindsay St. Lawrence, converting two consecutive three point plays, and two baskets contributed from Marchiano. From that point on, however, the Mules only scored one more field goal in the contest, and watched the Lady Monarchs stretch their lead. This may have been in part due to the Mules shooting tallying just 26.2 percent from the field, and going one for fifteen from the three-point arc.

The Lady Monarchs were lead by Junior Nikki Kingston who shot fifty percent from the field, and led the game with a high of twenty points.



Gwen Doyle brings the ball up the court against King's College on Monday.

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Holsinger and Mules headed to Conference Tournament

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the team and the coach kept the idea of tying a school in mind during the matches. "To tie the school record is a great accomplishment," Yeasted said.

"It was a great season in which we tied the team record and you could not have asked for anything better chemistry-wise" Holsinger commented.

This Saturday the team heads to Ursinus for the Centennial Conference Championships.

It is at the Conference Championships where it is determined whether or not a wrestler's season is officially over or whether it will continue to the All-American tournament.

One can expect that there will be several Mules in Scranton.

Saturday's Home Games

MEN'S BASKETBALL

vs. Ursinus

4:00

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

vs. Ursinus

2:00

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

Newfoundland's Jennifer Guzzwell retained the lead in the women's curling competition, but there was a logjam atop the men's event after the first two draws of the day Monday at the Karcher Canadian junior curling championships. Manitoba's David Hamblin, Northern Ontario's Brian Adams, Quebec's Martin Crete and Saskatchewan's Kyle George were each 4-1 in the men's standings after the afternoon's eighth draw. Guzzwell suffered her first loss, 7-6 to Northern Ontario's Krista Scharf in the morning's Draw 7, but bounced back in Draw 8 with a 9-3 win over Quebec's Marie Lapierre to improve to 5-1. Deadlocked for second at 4-1 were Alberta's Jennifer Vejprava, Manitoba's Kristen Williamson, Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Gaudet and Saskatchewan's Jolene McIvor.

World No. 9, Jelena Dokic was forced to withdraw from the Open Gaz de France singles final against No. 2 Venus Williams due to a strain in her right thigh. Williams was crowned the Open Gaz de France winner in her debut appearance.

The injury, a right adductor strain, was sustained yesterday during her semifinal match against No. 10 Monica Seles. It occurred during the end of the match in the third set. On Sunday morning, Jelena Dokic had a MRI examination and it was determined by the Sanex WTA Tour medical staff and the tournament doctor that she was unfit to play the final.

"This is a big disappointment to me," said Dokic. "I like this tournament a lot and I had a very good week. It's only the second event I played this year, so I have to be positive about the way I played."

Tony Stewart and the Ford drivers were the only ones celebrating after the first race of the NASCAR season.

Stewart drove his Pontiac to victory Sunday in the Budweiser Shootout, a nonpoints race at Daytona International Speedway. Two hours after its completion, NASCAR reduced the spoilers on the Fords to make the Tauruses more competitive.

The rules change overshadowed Stewart's second straight victory in the made-for-TV event and spawned a flurry of complaints from the other three car makes. Dale Ehrnhard died in a car crash, and people act as if they are supprised. Come on, he drives a hunk o' metal two hundreds miles an hour within inches of other cars, and expects to live. D'oh!

Track team gearing up for the CC championships

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Sachleben and Amy Ratner. Bruno, Garretto, and Sachleben were all on the record-breaking team two weeks ago, also at Bucknell.

With the addition of Ratner, the women lowered their time a little over two full seconds to set the new record at 4:24.69. "It was the first time I ran for the A team. I was excited to beat the record, but I think we can run even faster at Conferences," said Ratner of the record-breaking performance. The Centennial Conference Championship meet takes place in two weeks at Haverford.

"We sat down earlier in the week and talked about increasing the level of intensity at meets," said Hackett. "And we certainly saw that [increase] on Saturday," he added.

The Mules' best finish on the men's side came from Sophomore Brian Cash, who finished fifth in the 1,000 meters. Cash ran the race in 2:38.06. Senior Katie Garrett, who placed sixth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 11:09.72, recorded the women's highest finish.

"We are seeing the benefits of recruitment," said Hackett. Of the Mules' recent success, Hackett stated, "Am I excited? Yes. But am I surprised? No."

Both the men's and women's teams travel to nearby Kutztown University to compete in the Bears Den Invitational on Friday at 4:30.

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SPORTS

Women's winning way screech to a halt

Monarchs fly away with Mules' home winning streak

Mules struggle against fourth-ranked King's College in their third loss of the season.

PHOTO BY MATT MEYERS

BY MATT MEYERS
Sports Editor

After two convincing wins over Haverford and Washington (Md.) earlier this week, the Mules were handed their third loss of the season by regional rivals King's College.

The Mules, tied with rival Swarthmore for the top spot in the Centennial Conference East, found themselves in a tough spot on Monday afternoon. With three games remaining and the roughest part of their schedule ahead of them, the Mules knew they had to buckle down and step up their play. According to coach Ron Rohn, "All three games this week are at home, and big for obvious reasons."

The first of these games came on Monday night. The Mules, ranked fifteenth in Division III, were to take on a their highest ranked opponent of the season in fourth-ranked King's College.

Muhlenberg came into the game with a twenty-game home winning streak with their last loss dating back to the 2000 Scotty Wood championship game against Middlebury. "The team has been pointing toward these games for a long time, so emotion will not be a problem unless we are too up for the games," said Rohn.

As it turned out this may have been the case. The Lady Monarchs are the only team that is keeping the Mules from leading the Mid-Atlantic Region, and they quickly showed the Mules why.

After a slow start, the Lady Monarchs took a 7-6 lead and never looked back, though the Mules did provide steady pressure. With less than four minutes to go the Monarchs had a nine-point lead, but the Mules responded scoring the final 6 points of the half, reducing the lead to only three points.

The Mules, were led in scoring and rebounding by Sophomore Sue Marciano with sixteen points and ten boards,

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Track and field team continues its record breaking ways

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Asst. Sports Editor

Just two weeks after competing in the Bison Open at Bucknell University, the men's and women's track and field teams returned to Bucknell to run, jump, and throw in the Bucknell Winter Classic. This meet, like all indoor meets, was not scored by team, but only individually.

"Our success is not necessarily determined by individuals finishing high in meets," said head coach Brad Hackett. Hackett added that since the majority of the meets are not scored, a better gauge is to look at how Mule athletes are competing against other CC opponents. Freshman Ashlie Hankee has the fastest time in the Centennial Conference in the 55 meter hurdles.

Two school records were broken again this week, adding to the plethora of records that have already fallen this winter. This week, one of the records was taken down by Junior Jason App, who bested his own school record in the pole vault. App vaulted 13 feet, 9.25 inches on Saturday, adding a quarter of an inch to the record.

The other record to fall this weekend was the women's 4x400 meter relay. This record was also lowered from earlier this season. Running on the record-breaking team were Sophomores Lesley Bruno and Diana Garretto and Freshmen Samantha

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Wrestling ties season-high win total with victories over E-town and Baptist Bible

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Weekly Sports Writer

This past Saturday the wrestling team completed its successful season in the same style that it had competed in all winter.

With team wins against Baptist Bible and Elizabethtown, the team tied a school record of seventeen wins, which was set last year. This year's team went 17-8.

In addition to team success, Saturday also marked an individual accomplishment by Senior tri-captain, and All-American Bill Holsinger (149). He was able to tie a record for most dual meet victories in a season with a record of 22-1. Holsinger's overall record on the season was 26-1.

The Mules narrowly avoided losing to Baptist Bible, a loss that would have been viewed a major upset.

Both the coach and athletes noted that their narrow victory showed the high quality of the squad. "Everything went wrong, but the sign of a good team is when you win without wrestling a good match," said head coach Tom Schleicher.

Junior tri-captain Nate Yeasted said of the Mules' narrow win, "Just about everything that could have gone wrong went wrong but we found a way to win and that shows how strong our team really is."

Earlier in the day, the Mules defeated Elizabethtown, 45-6. With the two victories, Muhlenberg finished its dual-meet season with a record of 17-8, tying the school record for wins in a season set last year.

It was apparent that both

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Senior Bill Holsinger records his record-tying 22nd pin in a dual meet against Baptist Bible on Saturday.

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ABC policy changes to take effect

Mandatory expulsion on third offense

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

Changes to the Academic Behavior Code (ABC) were voted into effect at the College's monthly faculty meeting last week. The Academic Judicial Board (AJB) felt the ABC had to be adjusted to fit their recent methods of addressing plagiarism.

According to the Registrar and Carol Shiner Wilson, the Dean of Academic Life, no AJB hearings have concluded in the expulsion of a student in over twenty years. The typical form of action recommended by the AJB for incidences of plagiarism includes suspension for two semesters and a V on the student's transcript in the case of a second violation.

The ABC has been changed from requiring that the AJB "recommend expulsion of the guilty student" to where the AJB shall "recommend a penalty, that may be as severe as expulsion."

A clause has also been added that states that on a third offense where the student has been found guilty, an expulsion is mandated. The AJB felt this change to the policy would better fit the current practice of the Board. Additional instructions were also necessary to address a case of a third offense, which was not possible in the unrevised ABC.

The five-sixths vote that once decided a guilty verdict

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Housing lottery period extended

More individual attention for students

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

The Office of Residential Services has implemented new many changes in this year's housing lottery process. The lottery system, which uses computer generated random numbers given to students through the mail, is being tweaked in certain areas to be overall more efficient. The person with the lowest number in their class will select first at the designated time.

One of the biggest changes from the traditional lottery system used in the past is making the lottery period last three days, as opposed to only one day.

Each day in the extended period is designated to each class year – the first day of lottery (April 23) will be for rising senior participants, the second day (April 24) for rising junior participants and the last day (April 25) for rising sophomore participants. This will create a smaller and more efficient setting for participants.

Aaron Bova, Assistant Director of Housing Services, believes that "we can alleviate

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Student Council holds presidential debate

Candidates Josh Brookstein (left) and Seth Williams (right) voice their platforms.

Left Photo Courtesy of Josh Brookstein
Right Photo By Scott Chester

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

In preparation for the election of the student body president, a debate was held on Tuesday night between the two candidates, Josh Brookstein '03 and Seth Williams '03.

Brookstein and Williams made their platforms known to the student body before Tuesday night through promotional fliers and other advertising. The ideas contained in their platforms as well as other issues brought up by audience members were discussed at the debate.

Brookstein plans to maximize student use of Seegers Union during its upcoming renovation. He also wishes to establish a daily shuttle service that would provide access to Tremont Apartments, Giant, Wegmans and the Lehigh Valley Mall. Brookstein worked to establish a better weekend shuttle service in the past and was successful in doing so.

As Chairman of the Campus Food Committee, Brookstein plans to continue to work with Wood Dining Service to develop meal deals and theme nights.

"I will work to establish alternative food venues in the library, the Martin Luther underground and the Red Door," said Brookstein.

Williams hopes to integrate the student body and the administration at the college.

"My number one priority will be to work with the student body and the managers of the College to foster better communication and greater

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Trembling Before G-d goes national

By Lauri Carbone
Weekly News Writer

An anonymous voice opens the film *Trembling Before G-d* with, "I don't want to be a less-than-Jew because I'm gay." The human struggle between homosexuality and Orthodox and Hasidic Judaism is the focus of this stirring documentary. All of the men and women in the film are devout in their faith and deeply love its traditions even though their homosexuality violates Jewish Law. The very faith that they love so much rejects who they are sexually.

Despite some minor technical difficulties at the beginning of the night, the film debuted at the College on Saturday evening with a panel discussion immediately following. Patti Mittleman, Director of Hillel, estimated the number in attendance to be over 400. She added that, "the majority of the people who stayed through the film also stayed for the discussion afterwards."

Mittleman felt that bringing this provocative film to the College was "an important attempt to raise a number of different issues" and felt it had a positive effect on both the College and the surrounding community. "I think it is very telling that despite the technical problems in the beginning, only eight people left, showing how much people really wanted to see it." She deemed the evening to be a success.

Three speakers were featured on the panel: Rabbi Torczyner, Phoebe Altman and Scott Fried. Each one brought a different perspective to the film and the con-

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The Weekly endorses Seth Williams for Student Body President

It is with the utmost confidence that The Weekly endorses Seth Williams for Student Body President. As the position is highly work-intensive, The Weekly's Editorial Board believes Williams' dedication and commitment to thoroughly complete tasks trumps that of his opponent, Josh Brookstein. Time after time, Williams has shown his tremendous work ethic through his work with Student Council's Executive Board and as Chair of the Student-Athletic Committee. However, more importantly than his previous experience, Williams' pragmatic vision separates him from his opponent.

The proposed goals Williams intends to accomplish, if elected, are far more realistic and reasonable than those of his opponent. Instead of bombastic goals that overstep the grounds of the position of Student Body President and the restrictions of reality, Williams proposes plausible and positive changes to the College environment. Instead of ambiguously asserting that he will "increase student participation," like Brookstein, Williams' proposition that will bring campus leaders and key College managers together for monthly meeting is a major step in decentralizing the role of Student Body President and increasing the role of other student leaders. Equally as important, Williams has a realistic and attainable objective. This is in stark contrast to his opponent.

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While Brookstein lists five major goals, including "allocating more money to clubs and social activities" and "maximizing student use of the Seegers [Union] renovation" as two of his five goals, he fails to recognize that these two fall outside of the jurisdiction of the Student Body President. For the first objective, the gross amount available to allocate to student organizations is directly related to the Student Activities Fees-the setting of which is a financial decision made solely by the College's administration. For the second objective, maximizing student use of renovation space in Seegers Union, The Weekly believes Brookstein is totally off base. In his candidate platform, Brookstein states "students deserve adequate office and recreational space." This presupposes the fact that students currently do not have such space-a presupposition that is totally incorrect.

For all of the above reasons, The Weekly strongly and emphatically endorses Seth Williams for Student Body President.

Exotic weapons versus conceivable cures

ELIZABETH RAUPERS

ROYAL RANTINGS

This past week, the director of domestic security, ex-Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, has raised the codes of censorship. This is in order to prevent those with terrorist intentions to acquire the information necessary to produce weapons of mass destruction. Over the past few months, the Bush administration has been evaluating and renouncing from the public eye any technical documents that entail the production of chemical and germ weapons. As the investigation of the archives of science pertaining to weapons continues; the American public can rely on further removal of such documents. The apparent problem with this decision, on the part of the Bush administration including Tom Ridge, is the risk taken in not allowing such information to be made available to the right minds. Over 6,600 scientific documents have already been snatched from the public eye, according to the *New York Times*. A number that will continue to grow to the fears of many: "...the protections of secrecy will overlook how open research on dangerous substances can produce a wealth of cures, disease antidotes and surprise discoveries."

I have no doubts with the idea that a government should be wary of who is accessing certain kinds of information, as I am just as frightened as anyone of the harrowing possibilities of germ warfare affecting my country. The downside of such secrecy is the viable acquisition of cures to those same weapons that threaten us. The American system of science was built on the principal of unrestricted research, but in these unfortunate and fearful times, the interests of science are being overshadowed by the interests of protection and secrecy. Although the protecting purposes of the Bush administration including Tom Ridge are well understood, I recognize that it is important to keep science open because of the slew of benefits we have reaped from its availability.

What these protective measures have come down to is never the fear of the "wrong hands" but the wrong minds. Knowledge is powerful, as the dark figures such as Timothy McVeigh have proved to us in recent years; there is always a danger in releasing such information into the public, for fear of it being used to the wrong ends. At the same time, one may fail to realize just how much the availability of knowledge can benefit humankind. I need not point out the myriad inventions, conveniences and cures that have swept over our world simply through the virtues of making information and education a public concern. That Tom Ridge has good intentions of protecting the public does not lead to equality and the possibility of new discovery. Even history indicates that censorship is not, and will never be meritorious, it didn't fly when Hitler burned books for the public welfare of Germany and it will not fly even with the best protection plans of a frightened administration.

Letter to the Editor:

Lack of cameramen means fewer shows on MCTV

To the Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to the article written in The Weekly on Feb. 14, 2002 regarding MCTV, "MCTV: There is a lot to do." The article, written by Annie Glass, was one that had a few valid points, but which also was slightly uninformed. In the article Ms. Glass pointed out that there is a great deal of "dead air" on Ch. 21. This is very true. She also pointed out that there are currently only a few shows that are run on the station, which is also true. However, I do not believe that she understands the situation that MCTV finds itself in or the amount of work that is required to produce a show.

Ms. Glass is correct in saying that there is a great deal that MCTV could possibly tape on this campus, from dance performances to guest lectures to different sporting events. We at MCTV have known this for some time. We realize that there is a good amount of material that could be played on the station for people who did not have the opportunity to go in person. Our problem has not been identifying what to tape, but rather finding people who are willing to do the taping.

It was mentioned that Student Council meetings were being taped and played on MCTV, however, if Ms. Glass had actually been watching MCTV since the middle of last semester she would have realized that we have not been covering Student Council either. The reason for that is quite simple. Since I have been elected as a representative there have only been two people who have expressed the slightest interest in taping the meetings. Neither of them have, as of yet, taped any meetings. As soon as my term is over I will likely resume taping the meetings, but that means another five to six weeks without having the meetings taped. We have sent out mass e-mails to people who had at one point or another expressed interest in helping the club out. Almost none of them have volunteered to do anything.

Another point, which was made by Ms. Glass, is that if we have tapes of Student Council meetings why not air

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The latest trend: meaningless holidays

Skye Bassett
Weekly Columnist

Where have the true meanings of holidays gone? In the last decade national holidays have become more of a day to sleep in and relax than a celebration of the person or event the holiday was originally created. Think back to Jan. 21: the majority of this campus looked at Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as solely an extra day added to the weekend. Very few people on this campus actually celebrated the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. let alone even contemplated what the holiday was about.

What has led our society to this disturbing trend? We can't really blame the lack of caring about the true meaning of holidays on the nation's education system. Think back to second grade, when you actually learned why we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day and Memorial Day. Back then, youthful curiosity and good teachers gave us something to think about on our "day off" other than, "how many extra hours of sleep can I get today," or, "oh man, the bank is closed." So what happened to us in those formative years between second grade and adulthood that would lead us to be apathetic to the celebration of holidays, or even forgetting why we celebrate them?

Much of the apathy towards understanding holidays is a direct result of the commercialization of holidays, specifically former religious holidays. How many people really know what St. Valentine did to be worthy of sainthood or why we celebrate him? Instead of celebrating St. Valentine's determination to marry couples under a repressive Roman emperor who outlawed marriage, an act that eventually led to his beheading, we celebrate the Hallmark holiday. Instead of honoring St. Valentine, we buy candy hearts, expensive cards and Kiss-Kiss bears for our loved ones and friends. Holidays like Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas have been commercialized to the point that the true meaning behind them are hidden by gifts and goodies.

Furthermore, it's shameful that we no longer celebrate holidays like Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor those who risked or gave their lives for our freedom. Instead, we plan four-day trips to the shore over Memorial Day weekend or we shop all day in November when veterans are celebrated without a thought to their sacrifice for us. Did we suddenly stop appreciating our nation's heroes somewhere between second grade and college?

I'm not telling people that they should give up completely their way of celebrating holidays. It's okay to sleep in on President's Day, and it's okay to go to the shore on Memorial Day, but on these days at least take time to appreciate the people and events these holidays were founded. Don't just take their sacrifices and great deeds for granted. If you know and appreciate what the true meaning of a holiday is, your holiday will be ten times more rewarding.

Is figure skating really a sport?

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

The Olympics are supposed to be an athletic competition, but the recent figure skating scandal has brought to light just how subjective it can be. The difference between a gold and silver medal is merely a tenth of a point, which can go either way depending on a judge's personal preference. As a result, some people have decided that figure skating is not a real sport. A real sport is, they say, something that can be judged based on points: how many runs you score or how many baskets you make. I, for one, beg to differ. Granted, subjective sports may not command the same respect as other sports because of the great margin of error included but that does not mean they are any less of a sport.

The biases included in sports such as these are merely a reflection on society and how different people view different things. No two people will ever look at the same thing and see it in exactly the same way, it just doesn't happen. Nothing is ever truly black and white; shades of gray are always apparent no matter how slight they may be. For example, there are so many different types of music. Pop, rock, country, R&B, jazz, and the list literally could go on forever. When the Grammys come around and Album of Year is awarded no one ever says, "Hey, that's not fair, the judges like one type of music more than another!" The reason no one says it is because it is an obvious part of life. If we were to only focus on those things that could be judged with no bias whatsoever, there would be barely any competition.

> *If this is the case then why do we expect sports such as ice skating to conform to a certain set of strict rules.*

It is hard to say what life would be like if everybody liked the same exact things, it would probably get a little boring. Isn't diversity what most people search for and respect? If this is the case then why do we expect sports such as ice skating to conform to a certain set of strict rules? Then we could just change the name of the sport to "ice jumping" because the only way to judge it objectively would be to focus on the jumps and discount all artistic elements. It is totally understandable that spectators of the sport, as well as those involved want it, to be judged fairly, but calling it any less than a sport would be totally unjust. The ability and competitive nature is equal to that of any other professional athlete participating in basketball, football or baseball, and sports such as figure skating should be respected as much as any of them.

MCTV: In need of cameramen

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them a couple times? There is a very easy answer to that. For the two years that I have been involved with the club, I have been the only person allowed to have access to the VCR that feeds MCTV. The administration has been very cautious with whom it allows to use the VCR for fear that someone might misuse it. This is an understandable concern, but more people need to be able to have access and that is something that we are working on resolving so that the responsibility of running shows is not only on one person.

MCTV is a club like any other on campus. We like what we do, there have been three different talk shows on since the inception of the club, *Talking with Tamis*, *This Show* and *Tonight with Mitchell Cooper*. However, all of these shows took a great deal of time for those involved to produce. It is time that many people are not willing to invest in a show. The types of coverage that Ms. Glass talked about in her article would be much easier to produce, but we still need people to stand behind the camera and do the actual taping. Experience is not required -- anyone can do it. If Ms. Glass or anyone else would be interested in taping an event for MCTV we would be happy to put it on the air.

Ms. Glass mentioned that "Muhlenberg already has the resources to" put on these types of shows. Unfortunately this is only partly true. We are missing one of the most important resources, people who are willing to tape events. If we could solve that problem, then we might be able to do what Ms. Glass is asking.

-- Brian Raeihle '02
President/Executive
Producer of MCTV

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Weekly Discourse: Athletic Scholarships

Are they legitimate or unreasonable?

Jennifer Warmack-Chipman

Weekly Guest Columnist

According to NCAA rules, Division I & II institutions may offer athletic aid while in Division III, which is where Muhlenberg is categorized, they may not. Should Division I & II academic institutions offer athletic scholarships?

Many would agree that learning occurs in arenas other than the classroom. Special activities are available to the student body and they offer a learning experience that enhances the time you are at college. These activities vary from theater to music to sports. While scholarships are offered to students who have special gifts in these various areas, students don't necessarily earn a degree with this gift.

> *The ultimate goal, no matter what level of competition one plays at, is to get an education and make a difference in society.*

Athletic aid presents a financial opportunity to a prospective student to attend college that might not otherwise be available to him or her. For that student who doesn't have the academic portfolio to receive an academic scholarship, he or she might be fortunate enough to earn an athletic scholarship to help fund his or her college degree.

When looking at athletic scholarships, one should be aware of how the money is allocated. Not every scholarship athlete receives a full scholarship. Coaches have the flexibility to distribute funds where they see fit. So it is fair to say that the majority of athletes that receive athletic funding also must find other ways of paying for their education.

There's a sense that if Division III institutions give athletic scholarships then they will have to lower their academic standards. Stanford University has proven this notion wrong. They have the most successful Division I athletic program in the country, and they win national titles in both men's and women's sports every year. They offer athletic scholarships, yet their students still average 1300 plus on the SAT's and their acceptance rate of 13% is one of the lowest in the nation.

Let's not forget those who have chosen to participate in athletics at the highest level and still maintain the ultimate goal -- an education. There are too many examples to list but to name a few, there is Dotty Richardson, a scholarship athlete who was a two time Olympic gold medallist softball player and is currently a surgical resident. Steve Young is another shining example. He was a scholarship athlete at BYU and later a Super Bowl MVP and he holds a law degree. The ultimate goal, no matter what level of competition one plays at, is to get an education and make a difference in society. Athletic scholarships, like theater or band scholarships, are, for some people, a vehicle to achieve this goal.

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Asst. Sports Editor

"A student should attend every class for which he or she is scheduled and be held responsible for all work covered in the courses taken" (PSU Athletic Code of Conduct). This statement seems obvious for any student enrolled in college classes. We are all expected to show up for class, pay attention and be accountable for any and all information covered in class lectures or in readings.

Imagine that you are a student-athlete at a Division I school. Imagine that the university is paying your full tuition, room, board and all other expenses. Imagine the school is not paying for this based on your academic record, but based solely on your athletic ability.

> *...the presence of athletic scholarships diminish the level of pride for which student-athletes compete, but they reduce the importance of education...*

Everyone dreams of earning an athletic scholarship to Duke, North Carolina or Penn State. Many parents push their children into athletics at a young age in hopes that the children will earn scholarships to D-I schools.

While this dream is admirable, I would like to suggest the entire premise of athletic scholarships is off base with what the purpose of an institution of higher education ought to be.

The primary function of a university is to provide all students with a quality level of education. How is that possible if a student-athlete has a schedule that consists of three games per week, sometimes spanning two different states? Having to travel halfway across the country puts a huge burden on student-athletes.

In addition to the decreased importance on education, some schools where athletic scholarships are rewarded, give student-athletes special privileges. At Penn State, football players are allowed to register for classes earlier than the rest of the student body. Many of the athletes also receive special housing.

I believe that the absence of athletic scholarships inspires students at Muhlenberg to play sports for different reasons. We don't play because we can become famous. We don't play because we can turn professional. We don't play because can earn a living by playing sports. I believe we play for pride. We play for honor. We play for the love of our sport.

Not only does the presence of athletic scholarships diminish the level of pride for which student-athletes compete, but they reduce the importance of education to the student. If students are allowed to habitually miss classes for practices or games, they are not receiving the education to which they are entitled.

The presence of athletic scholarships at these institutions breeds partiality between athletes and other students. Students should not be given scholarships based solely upon their athletic abilities. We need to remember the overarching purpose of higher education is just that -- education.

Sarah Niebler is a sophomore.

A post-Valentine's Day commentary

LUCAS TOMANELLI

REGARDING THE NEWS

Last Wednesday night, as I traveled under the East Hall archway into the quadrangle and towards D-Hall I found a Muhlenberg student standing in front of the C-Hall entrance with a flier in his hand. Noticing that he was without the proper adhesive to hang his flier on the door he ripped down an ad for the Alpha Phi Omega community service fraternity and stuck his flier to the tape that remained on the door. He then left the campus organization's ad on the ground in front of the residence hall. Being a Resident Advisor in East, I glared at him with a look of distaste while he walked away laughing. I then walked over to the door to read his flier, which quoted a 19th century European philosopher expressing a disbelief in love. Under the quotation was a line written by our culprit that read, "Happy Valentine's Day." I proceeded to tear the flier down and, placing the Alpha Phi Omega flier back on the door, went inside for the evening.

The next day I noticed that our culprit had placed similar fliers throughout Seegers Union and in numerous other locations around campus. They were all written by different philosophers, but each of them expressed the same views: that love is a falsity, that those that believe in it are naive and that Valentine's Day is meaningless. Given that we're all entitled to our opinions I chose not to say anything to this individual and just accept his negative expressions as implications of his own jealousy towards those that are fortunate enough to be involved. However, why is it that some people feel the need to comfort themselves because of their own insecurities at the expense of others? The answer is that those that act out in such a manner are doing so because they strive to gain the attention of others out of hope that they might come across as being strong individuals, confident in their being single. However, our culprit, by publicizing his anti-love beliefs was doing nothing more than showing the College Community that he is probably lonelier than the rest of us.

> *For the people that are single, it's a time to be happy for the people that have someone to celebrate the day with and to look forward to future relationships.*

Valentine's Day is a time for those of us that are involved to rejoice and spend with our significant others. For the people that are single, it's a time to be happy for the people that have someone to celebrate the day with and to look forward to future relationships. For those of us whose last relationships remind us more of a bumpy New York State highway rather than a Shakespearean love sonnet, it's a time to bask in the pleasures of our singleness. No matter what your relationship history, Feb. 14 is a time to be positive. The people that spend it being bitter and trying to put a damper on the day's spirit should sit down and reevaluate who they are, and what they really believe. If you're bitter towards your love life (or lack thereof) then that's perfectly fine, but there is no reason that anyone should take that out on others. To our East Hall culprit: I hope that you find that perfect someone to add some loving flavor to your life, and a happy belated Valentine's Day to all.

Fordham professor speaks on global economic trends

By Jamie Buckwalter
Weekly News Writer

The College hosted a very prestigious and prominent figure in the business world last Wednesday. Vladimir L. Kvint, Ph.D., lectured on his theory of "The Global Emerging Market: Business, Economic and Political Risks." Dr. Kvint coined the term "Emerging Market," and he shared his ideas with the assembly. Even with his thick accent, students and professors in Miller Forum listened intently as he spoke about indexes, such as economic freedom, that can help to predict the future of a country's economic state. One recent global trend was political integration and it's influence on a country. By examining factors such as these, the forthcoming economic condition can be predicted and prepared for. "It's all about looking at what happened and what can or cannot happen," he said.

Political economist Dr. Kvint gives a lecture in Miller Forum.
Photo by Jamie Buckwalter

Dr. Kvint studied at the Krasnoyarsk Graduate Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals for his M.S. degree, and at the Plekhanov Moscow Institute of National Economy for his Ph.D. in Managerial Economics. He has served as director of emerging markets at Arthur Anderson LLP, NY, as well as a Board of Directors member at Mediacom and Deputy Chairman of Nove Holding Company, the largest in Bulgaria. In Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics, he also developed and operated communications and media businesses with Metromedia International Telecommunications, Inc., NY. He wrote eighteen books, and his articles have been published in the Harvard Business Review, Forbes and the New York Times. Currently, he is economic advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Ukraine and to the King of Bulgaria, Simeon II. Dr. Kvint, a Fulbright Scholar in 2001, is professor of management systems and international business in the Graduate School of Business at Fordham University since 1990.

> *"It's all about looking at what happened and what can or cannot happen."*
>
> Dr. Vladmir L. Kvint

ABC changes effective in March

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has been changed to a "simple majority of those hearing the case."

The change is meant to reflect the current system of the Social Judicial Board and lower the "unreasonably high threshold to render appropriate verdict," according to the Academic Policy Committee.

"Over the past several years, we have actually been able to see how the policy works," explained Dr. Erika Sutherland, member of the Academic Judicial Board. "We want the findings to actually reflect the general feelings of the Board."

The requirement of faculty to request the full honor pledge and signature on each assignment has also been revoked. The Academic Policy Committee believes that the policy is "impractical to enforce and practice varies widely." Electronically submitted assignments cannot be submitted with a signature, so the policy was unrealistic with some current teaching methods.

Students are still required to sign the pledge when they register, so carrying out the code still applies for all work in classes.

German counter memorials become remembrances of destruction and loss

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

Dr. James Young spoke at the College in a presentation entitled "Memory, Countermemory and the End of the Monument" where he described and presented slides on untraditional memorials commemorating the Holocaust. These counter memorials, Young explained, were meant to remember horrible, destructive events with other scenes of destruction and to commemorate loss with areas of emptiness.

Young brought up the point that constructing Holocaust memorials in Germany is extremely difficult because the event occurred there. To put it into perspective, he indicated how the United States does not have a public memorial for Native Americans or African slaves. He said that it is easier for a nation to remember itself as a victim rather than a victimizer. Therefore, the question for Germany is how to make the Holocaust part of its national identity when the mass murders were done in Germany's name?

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Young gave many examples of counter memorials that are located in Germany. The first of his examples was a column put into the ground that a passerby could sign and write messages on. After the column was filled 1 ½ meters, it was lowered into the ground to throw the burden of memory back on the people. Graffiti started to appear on the memorial, however. Even some swastikas were found on the column, which upset many people. Some thought it was good, however, because the German citizens wanted the memorial to disappear like they did the Holocaust. Newspapers also called the site a fingerprint of society and said the people would have to live with it like they did the memory of the Holocaust.

Young brought up the point several times that instead of people going to see the counter monuments, they become the monuments. A good example of this occurred

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See the Message Board on the Muhlenberg College home page for the updated Academic Behavior Code, which will take effect Monday, March 11, 2002.

Spring Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 1, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 10, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by February 25, 2002. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

'Berg professor and alum: Dr. Carl Oplinger

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

Students may have seen him walking his West Highland terrier, Maggie, around campus, but many may not know that Dr. Carl Oplinger once attended Muhlenberg himself.

> *"His many years of teaching give him excellent insight into students' potential and how this potential might be realized."*
>
> Dr. Patricia Bradt

After graduating from the 'Berg in 1958 with a major in Biology, Dr. Oplinger went on to earn his Masters at Lehigh University and his Doctorate at Cornell University. Five years later, he was invited to apply for a teaching position at Muhlenberg and has been here ever since.

Campus life has changed somewhat since he came here as a student. "My first year at Muhlenberg was the first year of coeducation," recalled Dr. Oplinger. Before becoming coed, the College emptied out on the weekends. "Admitting women was the best thing that ever happened to Muhlenberg," he said.

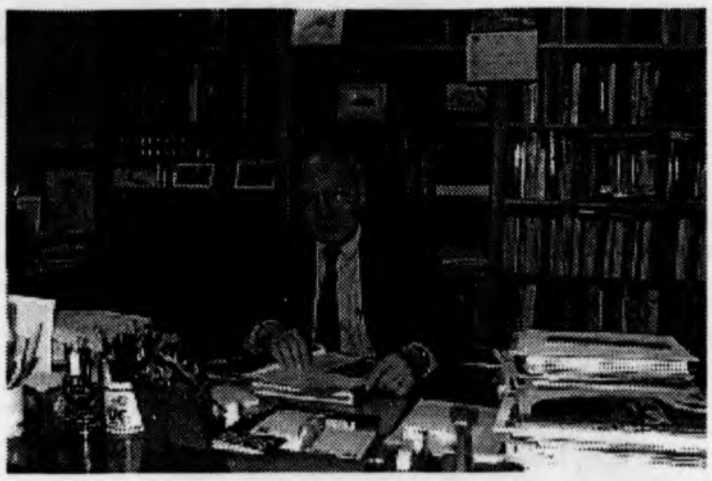
There was also a campus-wide participation in a type of freshman initiation. Every time General Pete was passed, one's cap had to be removed and upperclassmen could make the freshmen sing Muhlenberg's Alma Mater.

Numerous curricular differences can also be found between 1958 and now. "There was a much more structured curriculum which may have been advantageous to students," said Dr. Oplinger.

More opportunities are offered today, however, such as studying abroad, internships, research programs and scholars programs. "These provide invigorating learning experiences," he said.

Science in general has also become more prevalent on campus. Dr. Oplinger teaches several classes including Zoology, Ecology, Marine Biology and the Marine Biology Field Course. He is teaching Marine Biology and Evolution this semester.

"His many years of teaching give him excellent insight into students' potential and how this potential might be realized," said colleague Dr. Patricia Bradt, who has known Dr. Oplinger for over 25 years.



Dr. Oplinger works at his desk at the College

Photo Courtesy of www.muhlenberg.edu

"His insight into the science curriculum include his very broad knowledge of the subjects he teaches in addition to his field trips where he takes students to many differing ecosystems, including Bermuda, and shares with them his knowledge of the intricacies of these diverse systems," Bradt said.

Dr. Oplinger extends his love of the natural world outside of the classroom. Another colleague, Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, explains, "Dr. Oplinger is a great Pennsylvania naturalist. He has written two books, one on the Poconos and one on the Lehigh Valley. He has also traveled extensively and knows quite a bit about the biology of other regions around the world."

> *Dr. Oplinger extends his love of the natural world outside of the classroom.*

While there are a considerable number of memories that have been collected over his 39 years at Muhlenberg, one of Dr. Oplinger's most memorable experiences with the College involves an incident while on the field. "A few of my students and I were caught in a torrential downpour while in the middle of the Tannersville Bog," he recalled.

This experience among other bends and turns that have occurred while teaching at the 'Berg have helped shape the majority of Dr. Oplinger's career. He explained, however, "I seldom think of it as work."

OFF CAMPUS

Bethlehem – Erlinda Agron heads the Community Action Development Committee branch in south Bethlehem. On the South Side of Bethlehem, a major challenge of the neighborhood is the cultural separation between the Latino business district and its neighbors — mostly white, middle-class Lehigh University students. Agron has made it her mission to bring together South Side Latinos and the college students. She is educating each group about the other's needs. "If the college students were to come here and shop, this place would look more lively," she said. "They are right there, a few blocks away."

Pittsburgh – Customers who once pulled up to Helen Mannarino's business to fill their cars with petroleum now stop to fill their bellies with pierogies. In the span of about a decade, Mannarino has transformed a failed gas station into one of the Pittsburgh area's hottest pierogi joints, and that's saying a lot in a region where the dumplings reign as the supreme comfort food. A line of cars under an overhang that once sheltered gas pumps is the norm at Pierogies Plus, especially during Lent, when those of Eastern European descent turn to the traditional dish. "If you want pierogies during Lent, you have to call because we are selling out," she said. "We can't make enough to meet demand."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Light Rain	Light Rain	Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 31	High: 44 Low: 24	High: 38 Low: 25

Debate for Student Council President ensues

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understanding between the two," said Williams.

Williams plans on implementing an Advisory Cabinet to aid him in the process of bringing the College together. Williams said this cabinet would be comprised of the Student Council Executive Board, all Student Council Committee Heads, the Presidents of IFC and Panhellenic Council, two students chosen at-large by Student Council, two faculty members serving two-year terms and managers as dictated by the topic of discussion. Round-table discussions would take place on a monthly basis to discuss and convey student and management concerns if he were elected.

> *"I will work to establish food venues in the library, the Martin Luther Underground and the Red Door."*
>
> Josh Brookstein

Williams has served as Chairman of the Student Athletic Committee and Corresponding Secretary on the Executive Board of student council.

According to Brookstein's platform, Brookstein plans to allocate more money to clubs and social activities and increase student involvement, among other changes.

As stated in his platform, Williams plans to strengthen the student council and ensure a quality student life.

> *"We must motivate the students ... to get involved in the student government so that their voice can be heard."*
>
> Seth Williams

Both candidates found an equal ground when they agreed that the student council should act as an advocate for the students, so that the student voice can be heard.

"Change is never easy," said Williams. "We must motivate the students at the College to get involved in the student government so that their voice can be heard."

Elections for student body president will be held this Monday.

Trexler Library ceremony commemorates dean

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly News Writer

According to Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Life Department, "many were worried about the fact that students and faculty did not know who Dean Robert Williams was." Thus it was decided that the picture would be moved to the second level of the library across from the Administration Office.

> *"He placed high value on the life of the mind and encouraged scholarly pursuits among faculty and students."*
>
> Dr. Daniel Wilson

A rededication ceremony was held in the on the second level of the Trexler Library on Tuesday, Feb. 19, for the Dean's portrait. The ceremony was sponsored by Drayton-Craig. The portrait, a gift of the Student Council, was originally hung on the third floor of the Library.

From 1984 to 1987, Robert C. Williams served as Vice President, Dean of the College and a Professor of Philosophy at Muhlenberg.

Previously he had been working as an Associate Professor at Vanderbilt University. He had advanced degrees from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University and he spent time studying at colleges and Universities throughout the United States, Europe and Africa. He was also multilingual and served for some time as a Presbyterian Minister.

Those attending the rededication ceremony had very positive and strong things to say about Dean Williams. The most common theme of their reflections was the fact they all felt that Robert Williams was a man of good character who made himself available to students and faculty.

"He was an extraordinary man—gentle, kind, and intelligent. He placed high value on the life of the mind and encouraged scholarly pursuits

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Housing lottery adds new changes to process

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problems by spreading it over three days." As a student here, Bova recalls waiting for long periods of time during the single lottery day and wanted to employ a new way to make the process "more user-friendly." Bova also explained that the new smaller setting would provide for more individual attention.

In addition to extending the lottery period, other changes have been adopted. If a group of students contains participants from different class years, the group should participate on the day designated for the student within the group with the highest class year.

Changes have also been made to the Muhlenberg Independent Living Environment (MILE) lottery system. The Tremont apartments have been removed from the traditional lottery and will be included in the MILE process. However, the same standards are still required for people living in all MILE and off campus houses, which include a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and good judicial standing. In addition, this year's application process will include a re-application period for groups that are ineligible due to one or more member's failure to meet the MILE house standards. The decision to add a second application deadline was made because in the past, if one member of a group did not meet the MILE standards, the entire group would be disqualified from the process.

> *"We can alleviate problems by spreading it over three days."*
>
> Aaron Bova, Asst. Director of Housing Services

The application for Special Housing has also been altered to make it more specific. The application, made in conjunction with campus medical services, Academic Support Service and counseling services, has added more details to the application in order to help students more efficiently.

Although it is not uncommon for some students to be unhappy with their housing assignments, Bova believes that "for the most part, I think it will work out very well."

The deadlines have also changed since last year. The deadlines for the lottery process are Feb. 20 – Off campus application deadline, March 1 – Off campus approvals sent out, March 11 – Special Housing applications available, March 12-15 – Room deposits due in the Prosser Lobby, March 28 – Special Housing requests due, April 12 – Special Housing approvals sent out, April 17 – Lottery numbers sent out, April 19 – Proxy letters due, and April 22 – Lottery open house.

Short of activities for next semester?

Consider writing for the Weekly News section!

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 13 - Alcohol Violation – Five students, Adam Schwarz, Gaspare Pizzo, Joseph Bedway, Matthew Herbert and Paul O'Connell, were cited for underage alcohol consumption in an off campus residence. Schwarz was also charged with providing false information to a police officer.

Feb. 13 – Theft – A student left a Motorola cellular telephone in Seeger's Union. It has not been recovered.

Feb. 13 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A van belonging to the College was in an accident on Turner and 15th Streets. No one was injured.

Feb. 13 – Motor Vehicle Accident – An E.M.S. vehicle and another vehicle were involved in an accident on Liberty and 26th Streets. There were no injuries.

Feb. 14 – Trespassing – Two suspicious people were found in Moyer Hall. They were both issued letters of trespass to stay off the property.

Feb. 15 – Fire Alarm – Burning candles in 2251 Liberty Street caused a small fire. Campus Safety and Allentown Fire Department responded to the alarm.

Feb. 15 – Fire Alarm – Steam from a shower caused the fire alarm to go off in Robertson Hall.

Feb. 15 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A vehicle parked on the 2300 block of Highland Street by the Tremont apartments was found with a smashed driver side rear window.

Feb. 15 – Vandalism to Vehicle – Another vehicle parked on the 2300 block of Highland Street was found with its passenger side window smashed.

Feb. 15 – Vandalism – A toilet paper dispenser was torn off the wall in a computer lab in Benfer Hall, suite 100.

Feb. 15 – Theft – A campus telephone was stolen from suite 100 in Benfer Hall.

Feb. 15 – Fire Safety Violation – A covered smoke detector was found on the third floor of the Alpha Chi Omega house.

Feb. 15 – Alcohol Violation – A student in Benfer Hall was found with alcohol in the room. The student was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Feb. 16 – Fire Alarm – Steam from a shower in Robertson Hall caused the fire alarm to go off.

Feb. 16 – Sick Student – A Prosser Hall resident had a seizure and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 16 – Report of Smoke – A computer monitor in Trexler Library was reported to be smoking.

Feb. 16 – Disorderly Conduct – 25-year-old Vincent Foglia, Jr. of 1617 Turner Street was found skateboarding outside the Center for the Arts. He has been given a letter of trespass and charged with disorderly conduct.

Feb. 17 – Disorderly Conduct – Two students were caught kissing in a bathroom in Brown Hall. The male student was referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 17 – Criminal Mischief – Two vehicles were reported doing doughnuts through the East Quad and the back of Ettinger Hall.

Feb. 17 – Vandalism – The fire extinguisher glass case was found smashed in the Ground floor annex hallway in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 17 – Found Property – A 21-speed bike was found in the dumpster between Brown and Walz Halls.

Feb. 18 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A non-student damaged a student's vehicle parked at 2216 Liberty Street. The case is under investigation.

Feb. 18 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in 2143 Chew Street due to cooking.

Feb. 18 – Vandalism – A downspout was yanked off the wall outside Walz Hall.

Feb. 18 – Harassment by Communication – A caller asked obscene and strange questions to a Walz Hall resident through telephone. Campus Safety is currently working with the Office of Information Technology to identify the caller.

Film seen across the nation

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troversial issues it raised.

Rabbi Torczyner, a local Orthodox Rabbi, argued in favor of the scriptures, but for the respect and love of homosexuals in the Jewish community.

"We should embrace homosexuals as members of our community," he said, but he also agreed with the Orthodox Rabbi in the film who said that in order to follow Jewish Law, homosexuals must remain celibate.

> *"We should embrace homosexuals as members of our community."*
>
> Rabbi Torczyner

The scriptures state that "a man shall not lie with another man as he would lie with a woman, it is an abhorrence" (Leviticus 18:22). "And to do so would be in violation of Jewish Law," said Rabbi Torczyner.

Phoebe Altman, mother of a .homosexual son, has worked for many years for human rights and is a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). She contended that "to use the Jewish scriptures as a means for disallowing homosexuality is like entitling people to allow the continuation of bias against homosexuals." She believes that some things need to change even if it calls for a reinterpretation of the scriptures.

Scott Fried, a regular here at the College, and a man who is personally dealing with being both Jewish and homosexual, argued for homosexual acceptance in the Jewish faith. He largely agreed with Phoebe's point of view and stated that "Jewish Law says a lot of things, like to stone our sons and sacrifice animals, but we don't do those things anymore."

The film and the panel discussion afterwards sought to bring to the forefront of our consciousness the continuing struggle between Judaism and homosexuality.

While more questions were raised than answered, many of the attendees felt that the subject matter and the presentation format, which allowed for an interaction between the audience and the panelists, was very provocative.

"I thought that the movie was incredibly moving, and the panel presentation really opened my eyes to a lot of issues I never thought about before," Diana Bharucha '03.

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Dean Williams empowered others and encouraged his colleagues

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among faculty and students," said Dr. Daniel Wilson, Head of the History Department, who was part of the committee responsible for bringing Williams to the College.

Dr. Wilson was "impressed by his humanity, commitment and encouragement he gave to faculty and students." Wilson also reflected on a philosophy discussion he had with Dean Williams before he died.

Dr. Wilson felt he gave him a lot of encouragement on the book he was writing.

Dean Carol Shiner Wilson felt that Dean Williams "became powerful by making other feel powerful." She also spoke of him as a man of great character and as someone who took great pride in the accomplishments of his wife, Dolores. Dean Curtis Dretsch, who is Dean Williams successor, called the Robert Williams legacy "one we are humbled by but also grateful for.

Dr. Albert Kipa, Head of the Languages, Literature, and Cultures Department, also reflected about the time he spent with Dean Williams working on the Middle State Accreditation when he first arrived. He reflected on Dean Williams as being "a truly valuable human being."

Williams died of a heart attack when on a school-related trip to Israel. Every year the Robert C. Williams Award is presented to a junior faculty member for research that shows great promise.

Holocaust speaker lectures on untraditional memorials

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when students stole cobble stones, inscribed the names of destroyed Jewish cemeteries on them, and then returned the stones with the inscription side down. When the work was announced, people and media representatives arrived to find that there was no evident memorial. The students told everyone that they were the memorial instead of having an actual structure. Today the site is known as the Square of the Invisible Monument.

An example of a memorial that commemorates loss by creating absence is an empty library memorializing the book burnings of 1934 and 1935. The room is located under a sidewalk and contains empty bookshelves that represent the amount of books that were lost during the -burnings. On the sidewalk above, there is a window where people can look down into the room and see the memorial.

> *German citizens wanted the memorial to disappear like they did the Holocaust.*

Although it may seem odd that these counter memorials are not necessarily on the site of mass killings, Young pointed out that these types of monuments may actually be better for people to visit. He explained that having mourning memorials at the site of the concentration camps could be viewed by Neo Nazis and other Hitler supporters as a triumphant site because Hitler was able to kill so many Jews, thus winning his battle against the race.

Young has been a professor of English and Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst since 1988. He is the author of *At Memories Edge* and *Holocaust Memorials and Meaning*, which have been translated into several different languages.

His lecture is part of the series at the College entitled "Art, Artists, and Responsibility." The event was sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership and was held on Monday at 8 p.m. in the Miller Forum of Moyer Hall.

WEEKLY life!

"THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS A LIFE OF PURPOSE."

- ROBERT BYRNE

A new spin on a Shakespearean classic comes to Muhlenberg

Romeo and Juliet portrayed by Nick Thompson-Miller and Jessica Barberry.

PHOTO BY REBEKKA C. SCHNELL

BY REBEKKA C. SCHNELL
Production Editor

Romeo and Juliet. Juliet and Romeo. Juliet and Her Romeo.

Romeo loved Juliet, Juliet loved her Romeo.

Romeo and Juliet become Juliet and Her Romeo. Jazz up the theme, spice up the love; you will get Devon Allen's new creation Juliet and Her Romeo, the sixth quarto.

Here is the bottom line: this show is a must-see. It's imperitive to experience it.

Juliet and her Romeo is a variation on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. By jazzing up the theme, and spicing up the love the result is Devon Allen's new creation: *Juliet and Her Romeo*, the sixth quarto.

The play is a total embodiment of the bohemian ideals. Each viewing of the show reveals new meaning. The window that *Juliet and her Romeo* allows the audience member to view is sacred. The players allow the audience to open their hearts to love and experience.

The character of Mercutio, friend to Romeo, is complex in Allen's version. He knows no boundaries, but yet has specific limits. He knows not fear, yet runs trembling. He speaks with force and sexual imagry, yet is ultimately ridiculous and laugh-out-loud hysterical.

Stephen Soroka '03 as Mercutio is quite the paradoxical fellow. He is incredibly weak and agile and strong at the same time. Soroka is interesting to the audience member, because the audience member is not able to decide whether to laugh, listen or learn about this complex character.

The character of Balthazar, wonderfully played by Matt Moore '04, becomes completely passionate in the play. He truly handles the complicated mess that Juliet and Romeo have gotten themselves into.

Every other character in this show deserves a tremendous amount of credit. Allen, being the director, is poignantly powerful in everything she does. She treats her actors with respect and the response she receives from them allows the audience member to experience astonishment.

Romeo, being one of the main characters is played by Nick Thompson-Miller. He is a bright, young sophomore with the eloquence of a Fosse Dancer and the charm and beauty of Leonardo DiCaprio (from the recent Baz Lurhmann adaptation of the classic lovers' tale).

Lady Capulet, Juliet's mother, played by Mia Scarpa '04 is shown clad in red iridescent velvet, and sexy black lace. She is totally powerful, yet somehow submissive at the same time. Both Romeo and Lady Capulet are difficult for the audience to grasp. This is because of their inherent beauty.

Above all else, these two talented actors stepped out of their personalities and realized their potential. Potential is not about stopping when one is satisfied. It is about throwing the book out the window (not literally) and accepting the challenge. Above all else, working tremendously helps the actors to realize the character's innermost feelings.

An invigorating experience is had by all in attendence because of this incredibly intelligent cast.

Shakespeare intended the actions of this piece to drive at the viewer, and to call to their sense of what love is.

Opinions must be based on whatever the person observes during the performance. It is pertinent that Allen achieved this in her interpreation of this timeless Shakespearean classic.

This theatre experience will take any type of viewer off to Shakespeare's domain.

Question of the Week: *What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport and why?*

"Curling because it's an intricate fitness sport that takes a lot of skill."
- Katie Tureaud '04

"Skeleton because it's fast paced, action packed and fun to watch."
- Nathaniel Hill '03

"Any type of skiing event because I love to ski."
- Chris Rassam '03

"Freestyle skiing because it's cool and I love to ski."
- Amanda Ellison '04

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Athlete auction: going once, going twice...

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

Can't find a date recently? Well, Muhlenberg Student Council, which met last Monday night in the Garden Room had the solution for that problem with their very first installment of the Annual Student-Athlete Auction.

Now, one may think that the Auction was just for desperate people that could not find dates on their own. Actually, the contrary was true. There were representatives from all walks of interests and social dispositions filling the room for the event. It was nice to see a great variety of people in attendence.

Granted, it was athletes and not celebrity artifacts that were auctioned off to the highest bidder, but beyond that fact the event was set-up to mirror how a normal auction would function. The event was complete with a very charismatic Master of Ceremony. Tyler Cathy served as the MC and charmed an interactive crowd.

The bidding began at a very modest ten dollars an athlete with one dollar increment increases after that, unless the MC felt differently about a bid and raised it in good fun.

The first of the athletes to be auctioned off was Benjamin Long, a junior who is best known for his excellent soccer prowess. He is captain of the men's soccer team.

Most of the females in the room were originally too shy to begin the bidding, but this did not last long. Once there was one bid from a Delta Zeta sister, it was only minutes before another one of her sisters had to show her up and outbid her. The reluctant bidding continued for a few minutes with the MC eagerly egging the girls on, until the final bid was closed at a little under 20 dollars.

After the females got their shot, it was on to the males' choice. The men first bid on Junior Becky Richmond, who is a member of the women's basketball team and a Delta Zeta sister. She had an entire section of supportive fans in the crowd.

The bidding seemed to increase at a much faster pace with the guys. They quickly raised the bar every few seconds as one guy would try to outbid the others. After a while, all the egos were tested and the reality of the situation sunk in that the winner would actually have to pay. The final bid reached thirty dollars even.

While the Student Coucil ceritanly were the chief organizers of the event, a certain amount of the credit goes to fifteen athletes that put aside their pride, and risked potential embarrassment for the sake of raising money for the school.

All in all, the auction was a great way for the Student Council to raise money, and for the entire student population to have a good time in the process. Plus, for many of those who had not been having that much luck with the opposite sex lately, this was an answer to their lonely Saturday nights.

Rufus Wainwright livens Philadelphia

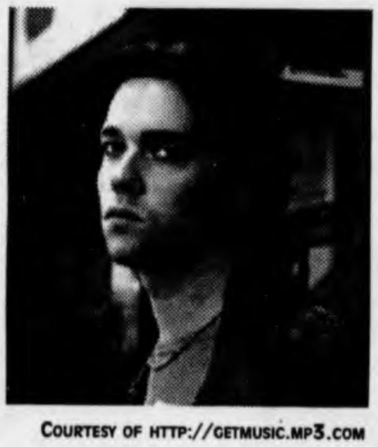
By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

It is a different experience to attend a concert in Philadelphia's Electric Factory where the entire standing-room floor has been covered entirely by plastic chairs. It was at this point of seeing the unusual accommodations that many audience members knew the concert they was about to see was going to be drastically different than any other concert they had seen. Rufus Wainwright's musical one-man show was quite unique to say the least. Those in attendence waited anxiously as Rufus and his group encompassed the stage.

A rising singer and songwriter, the twenty-seven year old Wainwright released his new album entitled *Poses* just this past summer. Born in New York, Rufus, the son of a retired folk singer carries on his father's tradition of creating a type of weird music that is unduplicated by any of his predecessors or contemporaries.

In a more mainstream view, Rufus's works have recently been publicized on several of 2000's movie soundtracks, including *Moulin Rouge*, *Shrek* and more recently, last month's *I Am Sam*, which includes Wainwright's brilliant rendition of The Beatles's "Across the Universe."

A genius on acoustic guitar, Rufus creates a unique sound with his nasal, droning vocals that embellishes the extravagancies of young life. Backed up by his sister Martha, a British friend and opening act Teddy Thompson, percussionist Butch and various others on clarinet, bass and piano, the Rufus Wainwright extravaganza is a delightful marriage of storytelling and unmatched musical entertainment. The show caused audience members to want to seek out his next local tour date as soon as possible. Known for his strange and sometimes laughable lyrics, Rufus' carefree style is also reflected by his ease on stage.



Courtesy of http://getmusic.mp3.com

Undaunted and witty, Rufus embraces his open homosexuality and makes it part of his comedy act, talking about how he turns down those strung out and unusually tall Calvin Klein models for dates ("I didn't want none of that!" he says). He plows through unexpected mishaps like broken piano strings and forgotten lyrics (yes, he forgets his own lyrics) with gusto and wit, and tells jokes. He revels and takes pride in his callowness and immaturity. He jumps around stage from guitar to piano to lead microphone and back to piano, and at each stop he talks and talks and talks, oftentimes forgetting his train of thought. Rufus hardly broke a sweat by his second encore and unbelievable solo performances.

Wainwright's youth, talent and extreme comfort in front

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FACTOIDS ON FAITH

The **Megillah** (Hebrew for "scroll") is the story of Esther that is read aloud in Jewish communities on Purim. Five of the books in the Hebrew Bible are known as the "five scrolls," and each one is identified with one of the festivals or fasts of the Jewish year. Esther is one of two books in the Hebrew Bible that does not name God. Esther was a Jewish woman married to the Persian King Ahashverus. She found out that the king's advisor, Haman, planned to kill all the Jews in the kingdom. With the help of her Uncle Mordecai, Esther foiled the plot and Haman was killed. Haman's name occurs more than 50 times in the Megillah, and the audience drowns out every mention of it with shouts, screams, noisemakers, hooting and tumult. Because the story is read through completely each year, people began to refer to a full, complete, extended experience of any kind as "the whole megillah."

Muhlenberg's Top 5: Ways to Procrastinate This Weekend

5. Attend Happy Hour
4. Watch the Olympics
3. Pack for Spring Break
2. Rent Harry Potter
1. See the Vagina Monologues... if you can get tickets!

By Kelly Anne Robertson

Dave Binder

life! on campus

Dave Binder, well-known in the Lehigh Valley area, performed his famous James Taylor cover act on Valentine's Day.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Fashion Forward

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life editor and
www.fashionwindows.com

If a friend told you last year that your best Bottega Veneta or Vuitton bag would be one splattered with graffiti, that fanny packs were the way to go, and that white pumps were to become the urban girl's next item in demand, you'd look at her like she was crazy.

But what's that sexy little pouch slung low on your hips? That said of fashion's fickle nature and the fickle frame of its followers, here are some trends you never thought you'd wear (or wear again), but guess what? You probably will come spring.

Rope: Seen used as belts at Oscar de la Renta, Michael Kors, and Dolce & Gabbana. Spotted inlayed into just about everything at Givenchy, rope appears almost barbaric compared to the glitz of past accessories. But that's just the point. It's simple. It's natural.

Crochet: O.k., so the hard edge of rock 'n' roll was beginning to wear thin, but crochet? Hey, why not? It's comfort food fashion, and for spring designers from Chloe to Celine, and Anna Sui are taking lessons from grandma with homemade woven tops and tunics.

Platform shoes: While you're still paying off your latest Blahnik delicate 'n' dangerous stiletto purchase, Miu Miu, Yves Saint Laurent, Salvatore Ferragamo, Sergio Rossi, and Tod's are showing shoes with some 1970's clunk and chunk as the ones to wear.

Silver: This isn't just gunmetal gray. We are talking full-on aluminum foil, Christmas tree tinsel silver, and designers like Louis Vuitton and Prada all made it look chic.

Butterflies: Look at them as the cutesy metamorphosis of last year's horse. Bags were shaped into the insects at Louis Vuitton; pieces were embroidered and belts fastened with them on the runways; and they fluttered just about everywhere else, from shoes at Marc, Sonia Rykiel and Versace.

The colors mustard, pumpkin, mauve, and moss (sometimes all at once): A frightening flashback to the couch coverings of the '70s? No, it's also the color scheme for Celine, Marc Jacobs, and Louis Vuitton. Somehow, the hazy hues look appealing.

Rufus shines on stage

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of people gives his show an airy quality of laughter and relaxation while at the same time exciting each person in the audience when he plays his favored songs. Performing a two-hour set, Rufus and his band played almost the entirety of his two current albums, in addition to his new soundtrack specials. Unlike most concerts, almost any song a fan could want to hear was played, and played amazingly well. To many in attendence, two encores were just not enough.

Rusted Root blows away downtown Allentown

life! *review*

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

Rusted root, the funky, tribal-sounding group, played at Crockodile Rock last Tuesday Night.

Courtesty of www.rustedroot.com

Met with transient extremes from the bitter cold of the night and the stuffy sweat of Crocodile Rock, many in attendence felt the beginnings of the Rusted Root concert last Tuesday night were far less than favorable. Two hours of waiting passed by quickly, but with the sixth rotation of Bob Marley's greatest hits, the third hour became tedious.

When Rusted Root finally took the stage to a hailing crowd, they found themselves the victims of Croc Rock's faulty wiring and a blown fuse. Drudging through more time, the band finally commenced to an exasperated, yet dedicated crowd. The hours of waiting were well worth it, for the band played a concert unlike any other.

Rusted Root, the popular yet not-quite-mainstream band, is now on tour. They are promoting a currently no-named unreleased album as a follow up to the self-titled *Rusted Root* album, released in 1998.

Composed of six to seven members at any given time, Rusted Root has an organic sound that blends several genres of music. In 1992, on their debut album called *Cruel Sun*, Rusted Root made their first radio-airwave release of the song "Send Me on My Way." The song couples tribal-sounding vocals with simplistic guitar.

Surrounded by a variety of hard-core fans, some people entered the Rusted Root concert with only their knowledge of "Send Me on My Way," which is popular and sometimes overplayed. Oftentimes concerts can

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WHAT'S HAPPENING????

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
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HOWIE DAY IS COMING TO MUHLENBERG
ON MONDAY

Thursday, February 21
9-11pm Red Door
'THE DONSON PROJECT"

Friday, February 22
7pm Movie in the Red Door "RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS"
10pm-2am SU Lobby "SUPER IMPOSED PHOTOS & DREAM GLIDER"
10pm-2am Red Door "KARAOKE"

Saturday, February 23
9-11pm Red Door "BUDDHA TRIBE"
10pm-2am Seegers Lobby "M-4 MOTION SIMULATOR"
Midnight Red Door "RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS"

Sunday, February 24
5pm Red Door "RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS"

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DAVE CHAPPELLE'S SHOW IS CANCELLED ON FEBRUARY
24TH...WATCH FOR NEW DATE THIS SEMESTER

Monday, February 25

9-10pm Garden Room *live concert with* HOWIE DAY

Wednesday, February 27
5-8pm Seegers Lobby
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horoscopes

Aries:
If you get all of your homework done, make plans to do something fun after school. Explore a new path, or ride your bike into a new neighborhood. If you're off from school today, enjoy!

Taurus:
Now that you have a little bit of money saved, why don't you hang onto it for a while? If you spend it all in once place today, you'll be sorry tomorrow.

Gemini:
You might be smart, but you don't know everything just yet. Ask your mom, dad or older sibling for their advice before you make an important decision. As much as you hate asking, you'll be glad you did.

Cancer:
What's more important, doing it right or getting it done on time? You might be able to get the teacher to extend the deadline if you ask them to. Teachers really can be understanding — they're people, too!

Leo:
Don't be afraid to ask for help from a teacher or a tutor. Learning is a lot more fun today than you ever thought it could be. Does having a cute classmate on the scene have anything to do with it?

Virgo:
Industry and leisure mix well in your schedule. You're delighted to make others happy, especially when you have something to gain from it. Subtext and context are as vital as the message that they carry.

Libra:
Have you been too busy to hang out with your best friend lately, Libra? Write them a note or call them to let them know you're thinking of them. You're never so preoccupied that you can't catch up with them.

Scorpio:
When someone needs help, you're the first to offer it to them. You will definitely be rewarded for all of this good behavior, Scorp!

Sagittarius:
You've got a lot of homework to do, but it can still be fun. Get one of your friends to quiz you or think up funny things to associate with your vocabulary words so you'll remember them more easily.

Carpricorn:
You aren't getting along very well with your family right now, Capricorn. Instead of getting in their face, try to spend some time alone in your room. Calling a friend can get your mind off of it.

Aquarius:
You can't believe that this is happening to you. You always thought awesome stuff like this happened to other people, not you – but now you know better!

Pisces:
Why is everyone being mean to you today? You have one good friend who will stick by you through all this, and it might not be who you think it is either.

Courtesy of www.horscopes.astrology.com

Rusted Root rocks

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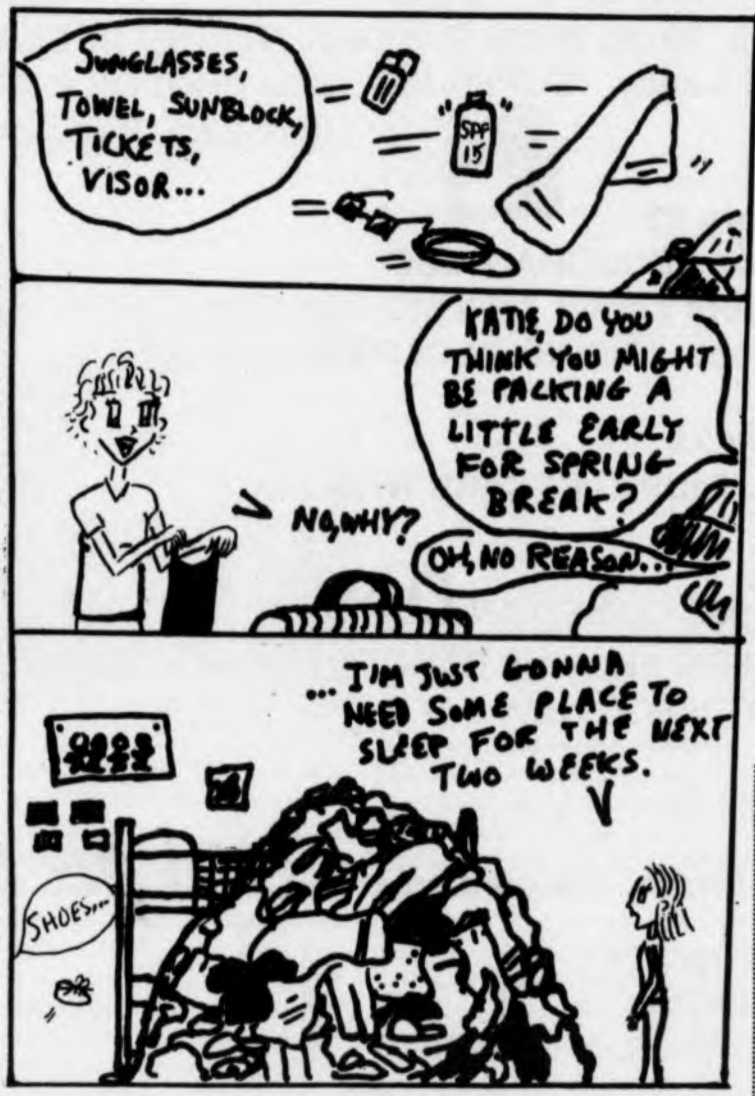
become dragging and annoying when you don't know any of the songs the featured band sings. Yet, Rusted Root captured everyone's attention to the fullest during a two-hour set, complete with a mind-blowing encore. Their show was studded with new and unreleased songs for the audience to sample. Their hard stuff was intense, their mild songs were soothing, and just when the new and unheard tunes became a little too unfamiliar, the band revived audience excitement with a fanatic favorite.

Despite the ungodly wait, Rusted Root put on a show that teased and pleasured with vitality and energy. Old fans and converted fans (like me) alike will agree that not only is Rusted Root's music aesthetically pleasing, but their live show is intimate, unique, and just plain fun.


SUNGLASSES, TOWEL, SUNBLOCK, TICKETS, VISOR...
SPF 15
KATIE, DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE PACKING A LITTLE EARLY FOR SPRING BREAK?
NO, WHY?
OH, NO REASON...
...I'M JUST GONNA NEED SOME PLACE TO SLEEP FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
SHOES...

life! movie listings

AMC

Dragonfly
Fri: 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat: 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sun: 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Mon-Thurs: 5:40, 8:00

Queen of the Damned
Fri: 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
Sat: 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
Sun: 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
Mon-Thurs: 5:50, 8:10

Crossroads
Fri: 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Mon-Thurs: 6:00, 8:15

A Beautiful Mind
Fri: 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:10
Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:45

Hart's War
Fri: 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sat: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Sun: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Mon-Thurs: 5:20, 8:00

Big Fat Liar
Fri: 4:40, 7:00
Sat: 2:00, 4:40, 7:00
Sun: 2:00, 4:40
Mon-Thurs: 5:30

Collateral Damage
Fri: 7:30, 10:10
Sat: 7:30, 10:10
Sun: 7:30
Mon-Thurs: 7:50

The Count of Monte Cristo
Fri: 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
Sat: 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
Sun: 1:10, 4:10, 7:15

Snowbound
Fri: 4:20
Sat-Sun: 1:20, 4:20
Mon-Thurs: 5:40

Black Hawk Down
Fri-Sat: 9:30
Sun: 7:00
Mon-Thurs: 7:30

Weekly Advice: Spring Break

Dear Ms. Wanda,
My mother really wants me to come home over Spring Break, but I want to visit my friends at their colleges. I don't want to hurt my mom's feelings, but I also don't want to hang out at home all week. What should I do?

-Confused

Dear Confused,
This is a tough situation because your mom obviously misses you a lot, but you want to see your friends. Perhaps the best thing to do is to divide your time between being home and away. Visit your friend for a few days, and then spend some time at home with your mother. Go out to eat, or shopping. Just spend a little time together. If you don't get to see your friends for as long as you would like to, remember that they could always come and visit you at school, which would be fun for them.

-Ms. Wanda

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Lesko, Marchiano, Risley and Baran earn CC honors

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

Senior men's basketball forward Mark Lesko was unanimously named Centennial Conference Player of the Year this week. The voting was done by the ten head coaches in the league. Lesko led the Conference in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game, field goal percentage (61.6), and blocked shots (55).

He also finished second in the Conference in rebounding (9.7) and free throw percentage (77.6).

Senior Jenn Risley

Photos Courtesy of Sports Information Website

With this honor, Lesko becomes just the second player in Conference history to be placed on the first-team All-Conference three years.

He is also the first player in Muhlenberg history to receive Player of the Year honors.

Sophomore Susan Marchiano

On the women's side, three players earned places on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll. Sophomore Susan Marchiano was named to the first team All-Conference. Marchiano averaged 15.1 points per game and 9.0 rebounds per game, leading the Mules in both statistical categories. The first time All-Conference player also shot 58.8 percent from the field throughout the season. In the game against Ursinus, Marchiano led all scorers with 23 points.

"Sue deserves every accolade she receives and then some," said women's basketball head coach Ron Rohn. "She has developed into an All-American caliber player. I would not trade her for any other player in the Conference," he continued.

Junior Randi Baran

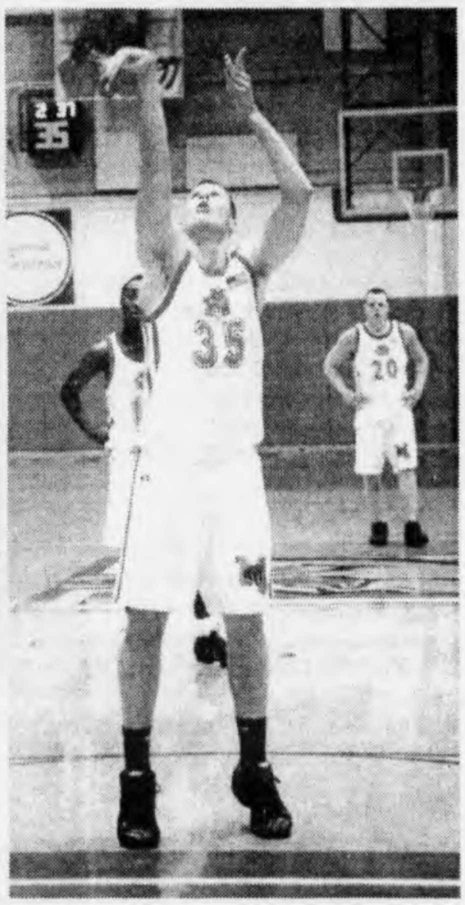
Joining Marchiano in earning CC honors were Senior Jenn Risley, who was placed on the second team and Junior Randi Baran, who received an honorable mention.

Risley averaged 9.3 points per game and was second on the team in assists with 56. She is also one of just 13 players in Mule history to score over 800 points in her career. Risley ranks among CC leaders in free-throw percentage with .743. Risley scored fifteen points in the game against Ursinus, six of which came in the first half.

Baran led the Mules in assists with 99, which also placed her second in the Conference in that statistical category. She is also second on the team in steals with 48 and three-pointers with 27. Baran contributed against Ursinus with a career-high nine assists.

Lesko and Marchiano were also named Players of the Year by the Lehigh Valley College Basketball Media Organization. The Organization was created in the 1994-1995 season. Seven schools in the Lehigh Valley participate in the Organization, Allentown, Cedar Crest, Delaware Valley, East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, Moravian and Muhlenberg.

Each season, a player of the year is named in for both the men's and women's teams. Voting was conducted by head coaches, sports information directors and media members at the Organization's final luncheon of the 2001-02 season.


Senior captain Mark Lesko shoots a foul shot. Lesko, despite scoring a season low six points against Ursinus, was still named Centennial Conference Player of the Year.

Muhlenberg Weekly File Photo

Wrestlers take second-place in CC championships

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year and earned a second straight trip to the NCAA's. Yeasted made school history by becoming the first wrestler to win thirty bouts in consecutive years.

Cathey became only the third wrestler in Centennial Conference history to win four gold medals in his college career. Also, this tri-captain was the recipient of the Chris Clifford Award for the most career tournament points. Cathey ends his senior season undefeated at 10-0. On going to his fourth NCAA in as many years, "I felt good but I was expecting to go," Cathey said.

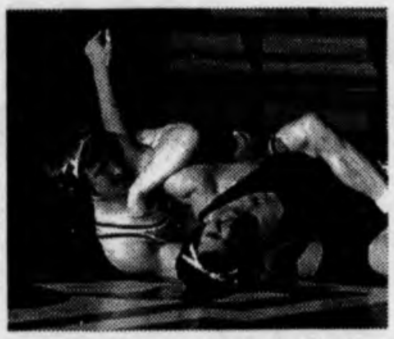
This week Junior Nate Yeasted was one of four wrestlers to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Last year's squad produced four NCAA qualifiers and one All-American in then-Senior Jason McClellan.

This year's team also produced four qualifiers, a fact that was duly noted by both Schleicher and Cathey. "We took four last year and we are taking four this year. Hopefully, we can bring home some certificates (official acknowledgements of a wrestler becoming an All-American)," Schleicher said.

"We are glad that that we are taking as many wrestlers to the NCAA's as we did last year, but that's the type of thing we expect from Muhlenberg wrestling," said Cathey.

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All applications are due by March 15, 2002.

Saturday's Games

(If teams won Wed.)

MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs.
winner of Ursinus vs. Franklin & Marshall

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
vs.
winner of Swarthmore vs. Johns Hopkins

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

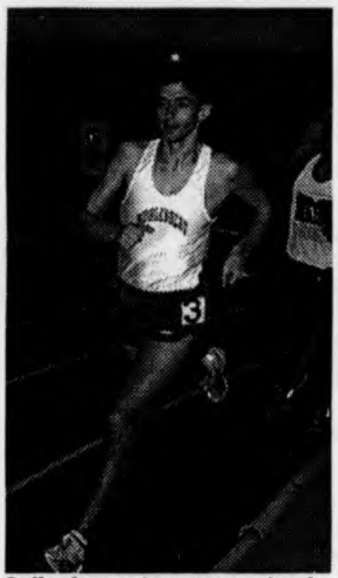
Indoor Track and Field

Fri., Feb. 15, The Mules attended the Bears Den Invitational at Kutztown University. This was not a scored meet.

The Muhlenberg indoor track teams competed in the Bears Den Invitational in their final tuneup for next weekend's Centennial Conference Championships. Junior Brendan Gallagher set a school record in the 3,000 meters, finishing fourth with a time of 9:11.32. He now owns four school records: indoors in the 3,000 and the 5,000 and outdoors in the 5,000 and 10,000.

Freshman John Brodowski took fourth place in the long jump, while junior Jason App (pole vault), sophomores Ben Phillips (500), Rob Uniszkiewicz (mile) and Frank Santini (shot put) and freshman Christopher Martin (1000) all took fifth-place finishes.

Two Muhlenberg women--freshmen Ashlie Hankee (second) and Carolyn Schoen (sixth) -- placed in the 55 meter hurdles. Sophomore Diana Garretto was third in the 800 meters, as was freshman Meghan Douglas-Snyder in the pole vault.



Gallagher sets a new school record in the 3000 meter.

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Scoreboard

Indoor Track
(New School Record)
Junior Brendan Gallagher 3000 meter 9:11.32 seconds

Women's Basketball
Wed., Feb. 13 vs. Swarthmore, 70-45
Sat., Feb. 16 vs. Ursinus, 90-69

Men's Basketball
Wed., Feb. 13 at Swarthmore, 75-44
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Wrestling
(attending NCAA Division III Championships)
Bill Holsinger, Andrew Faust, Tyler Cathey and Nate Yeasted

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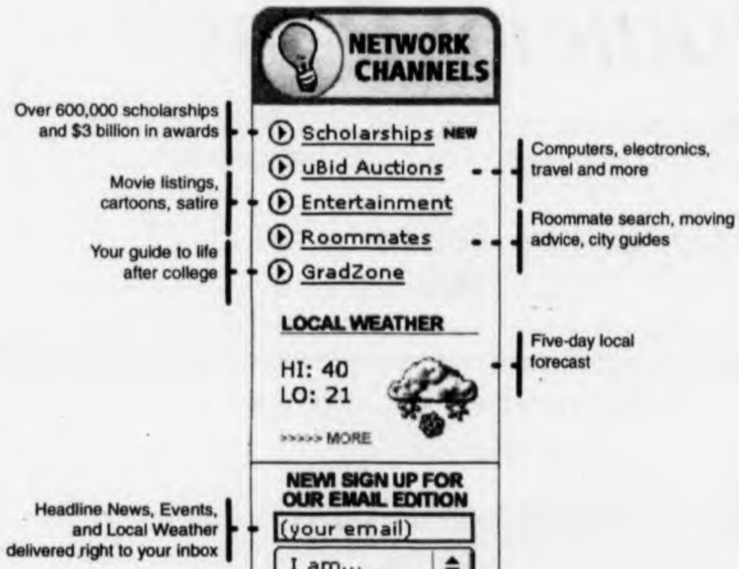
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Facts & Figures

Compiled by Sarah Niebler

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The number of Mule wrestlers to earn return trips to the NCAA Division III Championships. Seniors Bill Holsinger, Andrew Faust and Tyler Cathey and Junior Nate Yeasted all won their individual weight classes at the Centennial Conference Championships at Ursinus on Saturday.

10

The number of points junior Toomey Anderson scored in the final two minutes of the men's basketball game on Saturday. Anderson's two three-pointers and four free throws clinched the win for the Mules as they defeated Ursinus, 80-77.

40

The number of regular-season combined wins for the men's and women's basketball teams this year. This is the highest combined win total for the teams in school history. Both teams won the East Division of the Conference and hosted semi-final playoff games last night.

62.9

The percentage the women's basketball team shot from the field in the first half of the game against Ursinus on Saturday. The women led by 22 points at halftime and went on to win the game by the final score of 90-69.

80.5

The number of points the wrestling team scored overall. This gave them a second place finish in the tournament behind Western Maryland for the second consecutive year.

3000

The meter distance of the race in which Brendan Gallagher broke the school record this weekend in Kutztown. With his time of 9:11.32, Gallagher placed fourth in the race and now has four school records to his name.

Regular season ended on a high note in front of many fans

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Neither team led by more than four points during thè last ten minutes of the first half as the Bears and Mules traded baskets.

Freshman John Jemmott entered the game for the Mules and provided a bit of a spark offensively as he hit a three-pointer and an inside lay-up within minutes of each other.

Barletta, however, provided the bulk of the Mules offense as he scored the majority of his game-high 20 points in the first half. The Mules and the Bears entered the locker room in a 33-33 tie.

At the start of the second half, Cwieka and Pawlowski hit a couple of big threes that allowed the Mules to pull ahead slightly, 43-39. Then the Mules' scoring went dry and the Bears took the lead by one.

With about five minutes gone in the second half, Junior Aaron Holden got hot and scored seven quick points, two of which came off a slam-dunk.

With the College up by seven, the largest lead for either team in the game, the Mules called a time-out to try to slow down the pace of the game. The time-out did not prove effective for the Mules, however, as Ursinus pulled to within three.

Ursinus continued to narrow the gap and with 3:45 left in the game, the Bears scored again to tie the score at 68 apiece.

The Bears actually took the lead with just over two minutes left to play, but that's when Junior Toomey Anderson had seen enough. Anderson drained two three-pointers the next two times down the floor for the Mules to put them in front by the score of 76-72.

Anderson continued to lead the Mules offensively down the stretch as he converted 4-4 from the free throw line in the last 23 seconds of the game to secure the win for the College.

"He has no fear and that's a good quality," Madeira said of Anderson. "He doesn't mind taking the big shot. It was his turn to come through for us."

In addition to the offensive contributions from Anderson and Barletta, Holden had a double-double for the Mules. He had 17 points on 8-8 shooting from the field and a team-high 10 rebounds. The seniors all contributed to the offense as well.

Pawlowski added nine points while both Cwieka and Lesko chipped in with six points apiece. Lesko's point total was his lowest of the season and marked the first time in 46 games that the senior captain did not score in double figures.

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

Tampa Bay Buccaneers finally land new head coach in Jon Gruden. After more than a month without a coach, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers finally have the man they wanted almost from the start: Jon Gruden. After spending the weekend in negotiations with San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci, the Bucs reversed field Monday and hired Gruden, who had a year left on his contract with the Oakland Raiders but had indicated he would not stay around after it expired after next season. The Bucs said that Gruden had received a five-year deal. Terms were not disclosed.

Maryland blew a 22-point lead against Duke last year, but at Cole Field House, a 25-point lead proved perfectly safe. The Terrapins dominated the Blue Devils 87-73 in the teams' last-ever meeting at Cole. Maryland had lost four straight at home to Duke and avenged a loss to Duke earlier in the season. Maryland took the ACC lead and exposed some Blue Devil weaknesses in the process. Duke dropped behind Maryland and new No. 1 Kansas in the coaches' poll.

Joel Shanker of the Philadelphia Kixx scored 4:36 into overtime to give the East Division a 17-15 victory over the West in the Major Indoor Soccer League All-Star Game. Shanker converted a missed shot by Mark Moser of the St. Louis Steamers into his second goal of the match. Moser's shot rebounded off the dasher boards right to Shanker, who scored into the upper-right corner over goalkeeper Chris Damico of the Kansas City Comets. Denison Cabral of the Baltimore Blast forced overtime by scoring his second goal with 4:36 left in regulation.

Maybe there is something to this home ice advantage. Brett Hull got the Americans going with a goal, then set up John LeClair for two more quick goals as the United States -- off to its best start in Olympic hockey since 1980 -- overpowered Belarus 8-1 on Monday. The United States went 2-0-1, tying Russia 2-2, to win its round-robin pool and all but assured itself of a favorable quarterfinal matchup Wednesday against Germany. The Americans are 19-0-3 in their last 22 Olympic games on home ice since 1932.

Mules had revenge on their minds against the Garnet

Marchino leads Mules into post season and maybe NCAA birth

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ings, the Mules had no choice but to do the same thing to Ursinus that they did to Swarthmore.

There was no question of their focus as the Mules shot 62.9 percent to open the first half of the game, and had the second highest scoring first period of any game this season with 54 points to the Bears 32.

The second half saw the Bears get no closer to the Mules than 11 points. This may in part be due to the Mules 60 percent three-point shooting.

Several Mules had outstanding showings, led by Sophomore Sue Marchiano, who had a game high twenty-three points. Junior Randi Baran also produced a career high with nine assists. Senior Jenn Risley padded her career stats with fifteen points in the final regular season game of her career. This tied her with fellow Senior Lindsey St. Lawrence on the college's career scoring list, at number twelve, with 803 career points.

Sophomore Jill Friedman attmpts to dribble around a defender.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

After tying the College's best season record ever, the Mules must prepare for their next challenge, the Centennial Conference Championship.

Next up for the Mules is Western Maryland who the Mules lost to several weeks ago. That game will take place this Wednesday. Assuming the Mules are victorious in that game, they will play the winner of the Franklin & Marshall/Swarthmore game.

If Franklin & Marshall wins that game, the Mules will face them away due to the fact that F&M was the CC West champion, and it is the West's turn to host the game. If the Mules succeed in winning that game as well, they will receive an automatic NCAA Division III bid.

Even if things do not fall the Mules' way, Coach Rohn explained, "Should we lose on Wednesday, we would still have an outside shot at one of the eight 'at large bids' available for the NCAA's... nothing can tarnish what these students have accomplished this year."

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SPORTS

Women's basketball wins CC East

Team found revenge and its name--Swarthmore

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

This week the Muhlenberg women's basketball team wrapped up what coach Ron Rohn called a successful season. However, these women are not all done playing.

Going into Wednesday night's game against Swarthmore the Mules faced a must win. Only three weeks earlier, the Garnet had handed the Mules their first loss of the season, which helped them tie the Mules atop the Centennial Conference East standings. Both teams felt good opposing each other again for a final showdown. The Mules had revenge on their minds, while Swarthmore went in confident that with solid play and good bench production they could overcome the fourteenth ranked Mules (d3hoops.com) a second time.

Though the game had the marks of overtime and basket trading all over it, it wasn't to be. The Mules' strong first half defense forced the Garnet into 19 turnovers. The Mules took a 12-point lead into halftime, with a score of 30-18.

The second half was equally as difficult for the Garnet as the first. The Mules jumped out to a 23 point lead after going on a 17-6 tear to start the second. Sophomore Sue Marchiano led the Mules' potent offense with team highs in both scoring (16) and rebounding (7). Also contributing to the 70-45 win were Freshman Gwen Doyle and Sophomore Becky Richmond, who scored ten points apiece. Making her presence know in the middle was sophomore Jill Friedman who blocked three shots in route to a new school record, 76 team blocked shots in a season.

Of the game coach Ron Rohn said, "Our mental focus for the second Swarthmore game was much better." He went on to say, "We were much more aggressive with our pressure defense and this took Swarthmore out of their game."

The celebration was short lived, however. Three days later, the Mules were set to play their final game of the regular season against Ursinus. With a one-game lead over Swarthmore in the Centennial Conference stand-

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Wrestling team sends four to NCAA championships

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

The wrestling team's 2001-2002 season officially ended on Feb. 16 with a second place team finish at the annual Centennial Conference Championships held this year at Ursinus College. However, as a result of beating all opponents in their respective weight classes, Junior Nate Yeasted and Seniors Tyler Cathey, Bill Holsinger and Andrew Faust all qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships. The four wrestlers' seasons will resume on March 1-2 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where the Championships are due to take place.

Head Coach Tom Schleicher was ecstatic about the Mules' performance. "I don't think we could have wrestled any better. Some of the guys wrestled the best of their careers," he said.

Tri-captain Holsinger won his third Centennial Conference title at 149 pounds and in the process improved his senior season record to 28-1. Also, he earned his 50th career fall when he pinned his opponent in the semifinals of the Conference Championships.

After taking his junior season off, Faust resumed his career and will again return to the NCAA Championships, a competition in which he was a participant in his freshman and sophomore seasons.

The winner of Most Outstanding Wrestler in his Sophomore season, Junior tri-captain Nate Yeasted continued where he left off last

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Men's basketball team prepares for another a post-season run

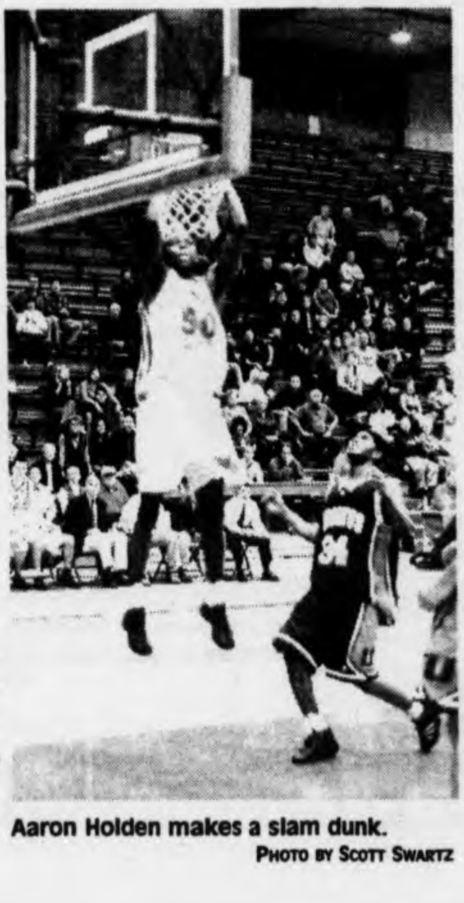
Anderson scores ten points in final two minutes against Ursinus

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

Playing under the leadership of its four seniors, the Mules men's basketball team defeated the Ursinus Bears on Saturday by the final score of 80-77. The Mules played in front of a huge crowd, debatably the largest since the Scotty Wood tip-off tournament in November.

Michael Barletta, Bill Cwieka, Mark Lesko and John-Paul Pawlowski all started the game playing their last regular season contest in Memorial Hall. "These are four great guys who have been totally dedicated to our program. All four have been with the program all four years," said head coach Dave Madeira. "All four have shown strong leadership. Barletta is the guy who leads by example. Lesko is more of a quiet leader and Cwieka and Pawlowski have matured into their leadership roles."

With the victory, the Mules earned themselves another home game as they hosted a semi-final of the Centennial Conference Tournament yesterday. If the Mules are able to win the Conference Tournament, they will automatically advance to the NCAA Division III Tournament. There are at large bids to the tournament available if the Mules do not win the CC Tournament, but "the only guaranteed way to get to NCAA's is to win the [CC] Championship," commented Madeira.


Aaron Holden makes a slam dunk.
PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The game against Ursinus could prove to be a preview of the CC finals provided that the Mules and the Bears win their respective semi-final match-ups. Ursinus entered the game in Memorial Hall with an overall record of 8-14, but that record was deceiving as the Bears had an impressive Conference record of 7-5 and finished second in the East Division behind the Mules. "Ursinus is a formidable opponent who got better as the season progressed," said Madeira.

Despite controlling the opening tip, the Mules looked sluggish early in the game as they went down to the Bears 2-8 early.

The Bears came out of the gates with a zone defense that the Mules found difficult to break. But after calling time-out just five minutes into the contest, the Mules got hot from outside as Barletta and Cwieka both hit from the arc. This, along with a tightening of defense put the Mules on top 15-12 with 12 minutes left in the first half.

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Heifer Project raises $5,000

Organization provides food for needy families

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

Students raised over $5,000 for Heifer International, an organization whose goal is to give animals to families in need in the United Sates and around the world. The organization then provides education and training so that the family can take care of the animals. A check for $5,000 was presented to Pamela Stone, Director for the MidAtlantic Region of Heifer Project International, last Wednesday night in Moyer Forum.

Students raised enough money for a Gift Ark. A Gift Ark is a $5,000 contribution to the organization. It consists of a donation of two of each kind of animal including chicks, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, llamas, camels, donkeys, goats, oxen, cows, ducks, water buffalo, geese and hives of bees.

"The gift really gets spread all around the world and directly helps many families in this way," said Julie Ziff Sint '02, who was involved with the program since it began in September.

Fundraising for the Heifer Project began in September, when the Center for Ethics and Leadership sponsored "Hunger in the Midst of Plenty: Causes and Solutions," a two-week intensive series of lectures, learning opportunities and social events. Students learned about world hunger from a

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Speaking with Mayor Afflerbach

Allentown's new mayor discusses his plans

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

Mayor Afflerbach in his new office in Town Hall. Afflerbach explained that his job is also his hobby.
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Public service is a demanding and time-consuming occupation, yet many professionals are drawn to it. The mayor of Allentown, Roy Afflerbach, is no exception. Mayor Afflerbach leads a busy political life as mayor and is very aware that his position "makes [having a] family life somewhat difficult." He is often recognized in public places around Allentown and says he doesn't get much privacy. It is difficult for Mayor Afflerbach to spend time with his fiancée and three daughters, ages 11, 12 and 31, whom he said, "help to keep me young." In 1998, Mayor Afflerbach lost the race for Congress. However, he said that was "probably the best thing that ever happened" because he was able to spend much more time with his present fiancée, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000, than if he were in Congress.

Mayor Afflerbach is originally from Allentown, and was raised on his grandparents' farm in Lower Macungie Township. In 1963, he left Allentown to spend four years

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Statewide drought emergency

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

The State of Pennsylvania has declared that they are in a Drought Emergency Situation. This means water conservation at all levels of usage is important. Over the next several days, the College will post signs in residence halls, athletic facilities, all shower areas, dining facilities and other places on campus where water can be conserved. The College encourages everyone in its community to conserve water.

According to the Office of Public Relations, the College is complying with the guide-

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Urban development program

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

For the first time in the program's history, the Govenor's Academy for Urban Education will be hosted by the College. George Bonekemper, director of the Professional Development School, is coordinating the program along with Susan Byrne, Supervisor of Student Teaching. According to Bonekemper, this is "quite a prestigious event being hosted at Muhlenberg."

> *"It's the first time [the Governor's Academy is] being held here. We're very honored to be hosting it."*
> George Bonekemper

The event is meant to focus on the Pennsylvania Academic standards placed on school subjects. Approximately 50 faculty members from various urban school districts will be teaching workshops dealing with a variety of issues fellow urban educators are frequently faced with. The workshops are also intended to increase the academic quality of daily lessons in urban schools.

Over the past three years, the event has been hosted in Western Pennsylvania at colleges like Pittsburgh University and Dusquene. "We're happy to have the event hosted in Eastern Pennsylvania," Bonekemper said. This year, the College will host participants from across the state, including Philadelphia, Lancaster and Allentown. Participants in the program will be lodged in Robertson and South Halls.

Besides attending the workshops, participants will also attend a play put on by the Muhlenberg Theater Association (MTA) called *Once upon a Time in New Jersey*. According to Bonekempter, "We're also showing all the participants a play by the MTA. It will give them a chance to view our performing arts program at Muhlenberg."

The program runs from June 23 through 28 and costs $35 for those accepted to participate. All of those who complete the full week of workshops will be refunded this registration fee. Bonekemper anticipates that it will be a successful and prosperous week of workshops, stating, "This is a big event for Muhlenberg and it's the first time being held here. We're very honored to be hosting it."

New Dean to replace Laposata

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

Dr. James Brennan will become the new Dean of Muhlenberg's Evening College beginning at the end of the current academic year. Replacing Dr. Samuel Laposata, Brennan has been affiliated with the College since the fall of 1999. Most recently, Brennan was the Associate Dean in the Evening College's Wescoe School of Professional Studies. He teaches Organizational Development, Leadership and Teambuilding and Human Behavior in Organizations.

Brennan has earned a

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College to be commended for Heifer Project fundraising

Participating in a nearly yearlong project, the College community raised over $6,500 to benefit local and worldwide hunger relief efforts. Students, faculty and staff combined in various activities over the course of the fall semester to raise money that was divided between Heifer Project International and local hunger relief agencies. The College community should be extremely proud of its efforts over the course of the last six months and its commitment to the project.

The Heifer Project, which began as a two-week lecture series entitled "Hunger in the Midst of Plenty: Causes and Solutions," culminated this past week with the presentation of a check for $5,000 to the regional coordinator of Heifer Project International. The remaining $1,700 raised by the project was donated to local agencies that work to alleviate hunger issues here in the Lehigh Valley. The College should take pride in its efforts in attempting to help solve the problem of hunger both locally and internationally. By giving back to the community monetarily, students, faculty and staff provided immediate relief to some of the most needy residents of the Valley. The money given to the international Heifer organization will provide for a "Gift Ark," which will support people living throughout the world.

The College should also be commended for the lecture series that accompanied the fundraising efforts. The series of events not only provided a forum through which money could be raised, but more importantly, it brought awareness of the worldwide hunger problem to a relatively privileged college community.

The "World Game," which was one of the first events of the series sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership provided students with an opportunity to see how unequally resources are divided throughout the world. Students broke into teams representing nations with varying degrees of wealth. They were then encouraged to trade with other nations in an attempt to acquire the resources needed to feed their people. In doing this, students gained an understanding of the difficulty of feeding a population of people without having adequate resources to trade.

Not only should members of the College community be congratulated for their fundraising efforts and monetary donations to Heifer International and to local hunger relief agencies, but they should also be commended for their commitment to raising their own awareness of a global problem with local ramifications.

The real on *The Real World*

ELIZABETH RAUPERS

ROYAL RANTINGS

Let us take some time to reflect on the imbecilic nature of television's biggest oxymoron: reality TV. It started out as a simple industry, one little germ up the nose of television. I'm talking about MTV's power-rating child: *The Real World.*

Now, years later, the channels are packed with "real" television flu, whether it's sending two swanky/skanky halfwits out on a date so they can either embarrass and verbally maul each other or find their dates hook-up-worthy and splay the screen with soft porn. Or sometimes it's sticking young girls in cages with snakes to try and capture moments of true fear. Regardless, it's pretty slim entertainment, and the farthest thing from real.

> *The Real World has gradually mutated itself into a completely distorted world... it has become everything our youth is not.*

The very first *The Real World* was a show based upon the existing lives and goals of several males and females, so the viewer could see what it felt like to be a struggling medical intern from Harvard, or a cartoonist, or a writer, or a lawyer. At the same time all of these people would be placed in a lavish apartment designed by the trendiest of MTV's designers. I need not express as to how we all must be totally familiar with being placed in frighteningly colorful apartments with random people! These are, of course, not the conditions of the real world that MTV is so unrealistically trying to recapture.

It gets worse! After producers at Viacom decided that depicting real people in their jobs, people who actually do face real problems, die of AIDS, and don't look like models, might not be as appetizing, the network upped the ante and revamped the living environment and conditions of the characters. Apartments turned into huge mansion-like flats with kidney shaped pools, the characters' "real" goals no longer reflected their long-forgotten lives. Instead, they turned into failed business efforts, and contests with other real-world groups like the ever enthralling bed-racing and bear-stealing contests right out of rich kids' summer camps. Unattractive or overweight cast members were steadily replaced one by one with the Aryan race, spotted with a few troubled and suspicious minorities for the sake of political correctness.

And now, television is littered with virtual dates, virtual couplehoods, virtual fear factors and even virtual less-than-talented boy bands. This is everything an insecure teenager or college student would need to find reassurance in the coolness of youth. *The Real World* has gradually mutated itself into a completely distorted world, filled with misconceptions of circumstance and mind: it has become everything our youth is not. Right

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Letter to the Editor:
Garden Room food evaluated beyond personal taste

To the Editor:

A recent (14 Feb 2002) issue of the Muhlenberg Weekly carried a column entitled "Sordidly Yours, the Garden Room." I will not dwell on the article's whining tone, or on the relative questions of taste. But the article also attempts to critique the sanitary conditions of the food preparation operation: it is that slander which requires response.

During the past five summers, I've volunteered as the Camp Director and Health Director of a local summer camp. Each summer we have housed, educated, inspired and entertained approximately 5,000 inner city children. And each of those children has been fed by the Wood Company.

Our camp food budget is much below the level of the Garden Room, and hence the variety of food suffers. We tend to serve our campers more pasta and less steak, but still provide a healthy menu. I rely on my medical training and health-safety training from the State of Pennsylvania to conduct a daily inspection of the food preparation operation, the food workers (many of whom spend the school year on the staff at Muhlenberg) and the kitchen facility.

During the school year, I eat daily in the Garden Room, and walk through the kitchen to chat with some of the managers and some of the prep people about once a week. In short, I have conducted approximately six hundred formal and informal health inspections of the Wood Company's preparation operations over the past five years.

I have never observed a single significant infraction of the state health code. At camp, where the Montgomery County Health Department also conducts surprise inspections, not a single Wood-related infraction has ever been found. Might I add that I have never treated a single case of food poisoning, vomiting or diarrhea in any way attributed to Wood food, preparation practices or sanitation.

Don't like the food? Your prerogative. Prefer something else? Your decision. But if you are concerned about food health and safety: you know not of what you speak.

--Dr. Sandy Weinberg,
Muhlenberg Institute of
Entrepreneurship

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Meal plan or meal scam?

Eric Deutch
Weekly Columnist

Go to the Seegers Help Desk and pick up a "Muhlenberg Dining Services" pamphlet. It describes your meal plan options at Muhlenberg as helping the student to "find the best in value, convenience and enjoyment." The location of the dining facilities is convenient, and students can enjoy the spaciousness of the Garden Room or the slickness of GQ. But if "best in value" means getting your money's worth, then the pamphlet is misleading.

Every person living in an on-campus residence must purchase a meal plan. The cost of these plans range from $1,250 for the 7-meals-a-week Bronze plan to $2,925 for the 19-meals-a-week Gold Plus declining balance plan per year. Only students who do all of the math realize that the monetary equivalent for each meal is $3.80 (except for breakfast at the Garden Room at $2.80). Therefore, a student on a 19-meals-a-week plan should be paying $1,083 per year. However, the per-meal cost of the Gold plan, at 19-meals-a-week, is $2,720 per year. That leaves a difference of $1,637 to cover operating costs. What's interesting is that other restaurants include operating costs into their overall price of goods, whereas Muhlenberg's Dining Services requires the student electing the Gold plan to pay $554 more per year to cover those operating costs than the actual cost of the $3.80 meal at 19-meals-per-week.

Many students also complain about having to pay for pre-paid unused meals at the end of each semester. These meals do not carry over to the students' accounts for the following semester. It is a similar story for FLEX accounts: whatever money put into the account can only be spent, and not withdrawn. At the end of the academic year, the college adds any student's remaining FLEX balance to the general funds of the school. So, is the Muhlenberg Dining Service stealing students' money and potential meals? Kent Dyer, Treasurer and Vice President for finance, attributed this practice to "annual budgets: they have their annual budget, we have ours. The carryovers become problematic. [The meal plans] are priced and geared in a planning sense all on a fiscal period."

Dyer's statement seems to imply that students should have the foresight to plan to use all their meals up during the semester. But students who know they will not use 19-meals-a-week, like the student with an off-campus job that restricts him from eating meals on campus or the first-year student trying to slim down, are all out of luck. However, the first-year students are the most disadvantaged. The College requires all first year students to buy either the Gold or Gold Plus meal plans, plans that not only offer the most meals per semester, but also are the two most expensive meal plans. "Kids generally come to [Muhlenberg] because they want a residential college," says Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg. "We encourage that initially by requiring them to live in a residence hall, telling them they can't have cars, putting them on a 19-meal [per-week] plan. There is some incentive for them to build into the community, and that's a large part of it." Another large part of it is that Dean Ehrenberg's vision of community seems to exclude the student who wants to slim down and the many students with off-campus jobs unable to eat 19-meals-per-week.

For those students who don't care or choose not to understand what they are buying, the monopolization of the Wood Food Co. combined with the apathy of those Muhlenberg students, will take advantage of students' ignorance and profit from it. Who knows how many other students the current meal plans exclude or if Muhlenberg charges equitably for the cost of community?

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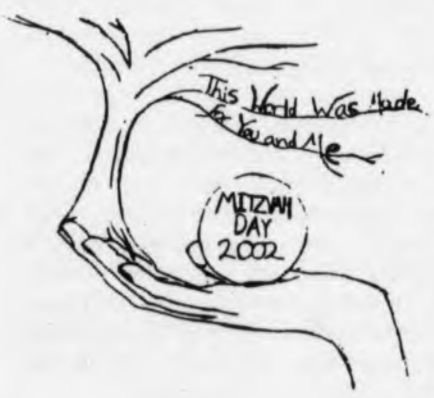
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Weekly Discourse: Technology

Does it help or limit people?

Allison Newman

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Technology today has made tasks easier for people, and it also informs the public about what is going on in the world. Throughout the decades, new types of technology have been developed and used. Many different technologies are used in the media.

Radio was one of the first media-related technologies. It became a source of entertainment and of information. Families sat around their radio and listened to the news to see what was going on the world. It was their link to the outside world. Families also sat around the radio to listen to soap opera stories, which provided entertainment. Then came television. This provided the same perks as radio did but it showed the stories and the news in picture as well as sound.

Technology has given the public the chance to speak their mind and be heard by those of their country and their world.

After these came the computer. This helped people write without the pain of dealing with a typewriter when one must type a perfect paper or start over if there is any sort of mistake. This lets people make mistakes and delete them and once they are finished typing they can print out the perfect final copy. It helped people save time in offices and schools. The Internet then came out and caused a frenzy; people had no idea how to use it but people were drawn to it and wanted to figure out this new idea. The Internet helps people find information easily. The news pages are kept up-to-date and up to the moment, so if something happens and the television news is not on, then you can look it up and see what happened without any waiting. The Internet also helps people keep in contact with those to whom they don't speak much because of a long-distance between them. E-mail and AOL Instant Messenger helps those people speak for cheaper than long-distance phone calls, which can be very expensive. You can get e-mail and AOL Instant Messenger for free.

Cellular phones are another new technology, which helps people feel safe in time of distress. Many people have cell phones in their car so if they are stranded anywhere they can call for help. People don't have to wave down others to help them; they have help ready to go at their fingertips. People also carry cell phones around with them so if anything important happens someone can get in contact with them without any problems.

Technology has given the public the chance to speak their mind and be heard by those of their country and their world. It has also given people more of an inside look of what is happening in the world today. It helps people understand what is going and how it will affect them in the short and long term. Technology helps friends and family stay in contact without much problem, sometimes for free. There are many different technologies in the world today and they all help people in their own way.

Julie Christensen

Weekly Guest Writer

Before I went on Spring Break, the Weekly asked me to write something about technology, so I tried to think about what to say. Then I saw *The Time Machine* directed by Simon Wells, and it got me thinking. *The Time Machine* was originally a novel by H. G. Wells in 1895, and tells the story of a young professor, Alexander Hartdegen, at the turn of the century who loses his fiancé to her tragic death. This man's mission then becomes to travel trough time in order to change the past. In the most recent film, the audience can see New York City metamorphosize as Alexander travels through time. Throughout the film the young man asks himself, "Can we ever go too far?" While the film attempts to answer that question, I too began to wonder if we could ever go too far, and from the looks of it, that may seem possible.

We do less outside, and spend more time in front of the television. Other forms of entertainment are beginning to die out because we no longer need to leave the house.

Don't get me wrong; I am not saying that technology is bad. I am just as dependent as the next person on the new gadgets that come about. Maybe the dependency is the problem. For instance, I am just as guilty as the next person when my computer doesn't work and I refuse to write the paper that is due first thing in the morning. It seems that physically *writing* the paper is out of the question.

Another technological element that crossed my mind before I started to write was e-mail. There are so many benefits to e-mail, but many downsides as well. E-mail can be traced back if information needs to be found, especially in business when something goes wrong. What about the difficulty in understanding what the person really meant to say? I know I've received e-mails when I sit at my computer and say, "Was he just kidding or is he really mad at me?" Maybe the speed at which we can e-mail our thoughts is decreasing our ability to really get our words across.

Something that may be even more fundamental than computers and e-mail is the microwave. As a college student I use it all the time. I can cook basic things, but for the most part I don't know how to prepare meals. Could we get to the point where all our food is prepared at the push of a button?

Television is also an integrated part of our lives. Satellite dishes allow viewers to flip through hundreds of channels, without getting up. We do less outside, and spend more time in front of the television. Other forms of entertainment are beginning to die out because we no longer need to leave the house.

I'm not saying that we should resist the natural progression of things in life, but it does make you wonder if we are truly doing the right thing. Will all this technology be used in a way that will become destructive? Hopefully not, but then again only time can tell.

Reality TV: Far from realistic

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from the beginning, *The Real World* was wrong, not in a moral or theoretical sense, but in the psychological reality that any human will always react differently when he or she is aware that they are being filmed or observed than they would in normal life. MTV first created something diametrically opposed to normal life and then stuck people who knew they were being watched into that situation, and in this way, *The Real World* is no more reality-based than *Days of Our Lives* or *All My Children*.

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Beyond the Monologues

Victims of domestic violence: women's stories shared to evoke awareness

By Kelly Lehman
Weekly News Editor

V-day was not just a Benefit Production of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*. It was also a weekend for educating people about domestic violence and sexual assault in an effort to protect women from abuse in the future. The event also brought The Clothesline Project and representatives from Planned Parenthood and the Crimes Victim Council of the Lehigh Valley to the Trexler Pavilion. And, V-day events raised money for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. and for a fund to help the women in Afghanistan.

The campus wide effort to bring V-day to the College was a success according to Marilyn J. Roberts, the Director of Development, Marketing and Special Projects within the Department of Theater and Dance. Just over 1,000 people attended *The Vagina Monologues* over the weekend prior to Spring Break. Six hundred of those attendees were from the community and the rest were College students, faculty and staff. Throughout V-day weekend, students raised funds from the ticket sales, V-day T-shirt sales, and a fundraiser that Amnesty held in the student union. The funds raised totaled $9, 104. Turning Point, a non-profit service agency, will receive $7,524 and the V-Day Fund to help the Women of Afghanistan will receive $1,881.

In order to make the impact of domestic abuse more visual to the public, Turning Point brought a portion of their collection of t-shirts made by victims of domestic violence and in remembrance of those who died from abuse. About 30 t-shirts hung on a clothesline on the second level of the Trexler Pavilion for the week leading up to the *Monologues*. As Pam Pillsbury, the Director of Community Education at Turning Point, set up her table of pamphlets and brochures to hand out before and after that night's production of the *Monologues*, she explained why the shirts varied in color. There were pastel shirts, a red shirt, a black one with an angel, as well as many pale colors. White represented the victims of abuse who had died, and the survivors of abuse created all colored shirts. "Someone doesn't have to be a victim or know someone who is to make a shirt," Pillsbury said.

The t-shirts are part of a nationwide campaign called The Clothesline Project. The project started in Cape Cod, Mass. to remember the victims who had survived sexual assault or domestic violence. It expanded nationwide and to more than nine other countries. Rachel Carey Harper designed the project to inform society as a whole, to aid in the recovery or healing process and to act as a connection among women. Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley provides a number of services for battered women, including a 24-hour hotline, a supportive counseling service, emergency shelter and court advocacy.

Turning Point and the College formed a partnership in order to educate and provide information about domestic violence, according to Roberts. During V-day weekend, students handed out pamphlets that were intended to serve as a guide to relationship safety on campus. The Dean of Students', Rudy Ehrenberg, message on the inside cover of the pamphlet emphasized that the potential threat of sexual assault exists here, even though "all of us have worked hard to create a caring College

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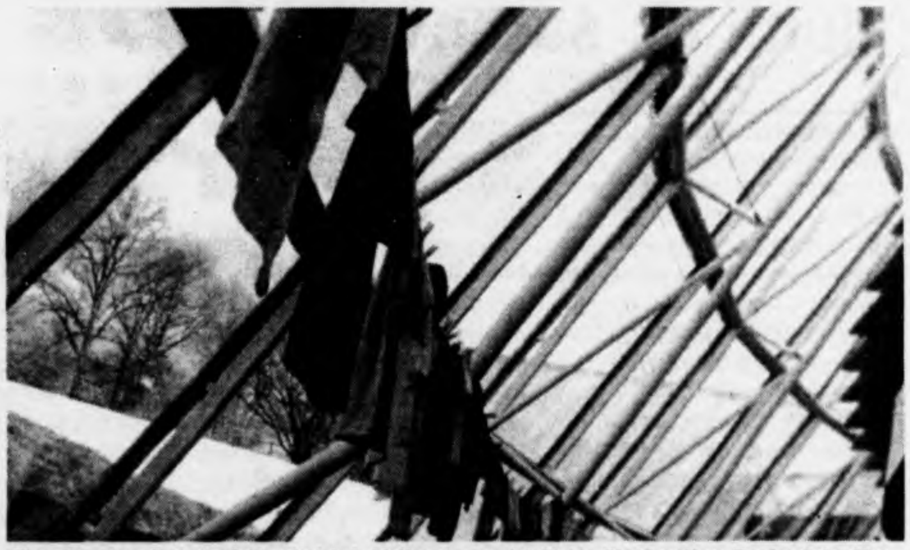

The Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley brought their Clothesline Project to the Baker Theater as part of V-day (above).

Nancy Grove '02, Denise McGuigan '02 and Amanda Cardone '02 sit at the Amnesty table in Seegers the Friday of V-day weekend. Students raised a total of $9,104 for two charities.

Photos by Jamie Buckwalter

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All applications are due by March 15, 2002.

New Evening College Dean named

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bachelor's degree in psychology, a bachelor's degree in secondary education/social studies and a master's degree and Ph.D. in adult learning from the University of Wyoming. He has held several managerial positions at the University of Wyoming as well.

Laposata has been the Dean of the Evening College and Summer College since July of 1994. Next year, he will be teaching Economics and Statistics courses full-time. Laposata will also be overseeing the Corporate Partnerships program at the College. The program handles State grants for training corporations in the Lehigh Valley. While Laposata chose to resign to further pursue teaching, he also felt that now was the best time to ensure a smooth transition for the Evening College. "There is good leadership now to take over. Brennan will be a very good leader. He and Jane Hudack, the Assistant Dean, will do well with the [Evening] College," explained Laposata.

Under Laposata, the Evening College has increased significantly in size. Course registrations have doubled since he became the Dean in 1994. At the announcement of Laposata's resignation from his position, President Arthur Taylor said, "We are extremely proud of the growth, and in the increased quality we have seen in our Evening College and the Wescoe School in particular. Sam has done a wonderful job making our Evening College a first rate experience."

Brennan's plans for the Evening College will not be significantly different from Laposata's work. "We really think we have a good formula now," explained Brennan, "I'm looking forward to continuing the excellence that Dean Laposata and the College have developed up to this point."

This week's 'Berg professor and alum: Dr. Susan Leggett

Dr. Leggett at her desk at the College.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. LEGGETT

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

As an alumnus of Muhlenberg College who was a commuter as a student, Dr. Susan Leggett of the Communications Department has a different recollection of her college years than the students on campus today.

"Because I was a commuter, I only came here to work, use the library and go to class," said Dr. Leggett. "I had a great educational experience and felt prepared for grad school and jobs."

After graduating in 1988 as a Communications major, Dr. Leggett held various jobs including focus group work and freelance writing and editing. She also earned her Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst before returning to Muhlenberg to start teaching the fall semester in 1998.

"I grew up in Breiningsville but I lived in different places around the United States and always ended up back here," said Dr. Leggett. She explained that the academic job market makes it necessary to go where jobs exist. "I feel really fortunate and excited to be back here," she said.

Dr. Leggett likes teaching each of her classes at the College for different reasons. In her Introduction to Communications class she is able to see who the first year students are and can watch her Documentary Research students become independent and responsible for their own work. She finds that what is rewarding about teaching electives is being able to see people think about a subject in a new way.

Dr. Leggett team teaches Documentary Research with one of Muhlenberg's newest professors, Dr. Laura Taub. Last year Dr. Taub came to interview for her current position and gave her guest presentation in Dr. Leggett's class. Now she team teaches with her. "Teaching alongside of Dr. Leggett has helped more than any other experience here in the process of adapting to the Muhlenberg environment, learning about the students, the culture of teaching and learning here," said Dr. Taub. "It has been a lesson in remembering that classrooms can become spaces for imagining different possibilities, for thinking critically and compassionately about the world both as it is, and as it might be."

Besides her teaching responsibilities, Dr. Leggett is the advisor for the Communications Club as well as a co-instructor for the College's women's safety class, RAD: Rape Aggression Defense, which she once took herself. Dr. Leggett explained that one area of research that she's been involved in is the feminist theory. She's also interested in stopping violence and has found RAD to be a great way for her to help out females on campus.

Tom Dougherty of Campus Safety explained, "I have been teaching [RAD] for approximately seven years and could not always put the time and energy I felt was necessary for the participants to get the most out of the course. Susan came back and she had fresh ideas. She was able to look at the course in a way that I would have never imagined," Dougherty said. "Her enthusiasm has me wanting to teach this course on a more regular basis again."

Dougherty continued, "I feel that having a faculty member and a member of the Campus Safety Department working closely together in teaching this course can only make it better for the students. It allows the students to see that we have faculty and staff who can work together and care about them both academically as well as personally."

Dr. Leggett is more involved on campus now than she was as a student. Every day she is learning and being reminded what it means to be a student. "I didn't have experiences similar to those that you guys have," said Dr. Leggett. "I guess I'm always surprised."

OFF CAMPUS

Bucks County – A giant American flag produced by an Upper Bucks group was dedicated on board the USS Intrepid this morning in New York City. The project has been under way for almost six months. Several Bucks County and Montgomery County students, senior citizens, Girl Scouts and other volunteers sewed more than 3,000 small flags together to create the flag as a tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The names of each person who perished at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard Flight 93 — 3,021 in all — are written on the flag. After dedication, it will be flown at park near Ground Zero.

Emmaus – If you think sandwiches are boring, you haven't pigged out at Wally's Deli, "Home of the Hog." Hogs are sandwiches — small, medium or large — containing meat and cheese stuffed inside fresh-baked round rolls from Malone's bakery. They come with names like Boss Hog and the Sassy Sow. Owned by Susan and Walter "Wally" Roberts, Wally's Deli has been around for nearly 13 years. She runs the Emmaus shop, he runs the Allentown shop. Both places are decorated with pigs, many of them gifts from customers. The sandwiches got their name when one of the couple's friends said, "you have to be a hog to eat one of those things."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Light Rain
High: 64	High: 67	High: 52
Low: 40	Low: 35	Low: 36

New Cardinal Key members announced

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

The Cardinal Key Society announced the newest members to the group last week. From the class of 2005, Christine Davies, Laura Friant, Russell Horowitz, Tracie Konopinski, Dylan Moulton, Cynthia Van Wert and Chris Wilson were chosen to be a part of the society and from the class of 2004, Drew Bagby, Brian Barkauskas, Kristie Byorek, Steve Demeo, Justin Deutsch, Valerie Eckman, Mike Geller, Mike Hogentogler, Alicia Luke, Matt Menard and Dana Schwarzwalder were selected.

The Cardinal Key Society's purpose is to promote interaction between alumni and current students. The society sponsors a wide range of activities throughout the year including community service events, regional events, Homecoming Weekend, Alumni in the Classroom Week and Reunion/Commencement Weekend.

To become a member of Cardinal Key, interested students must go through a competitive selection process involving a written application and an interview. The 18 individuals chosen to be a part of the society were selected from an applicant pool of 95 students.

"We feel that we have selecfed great students," said Lauren Mohn, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations.

The newly elected group will participate in the upcom-

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College must conserve water

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lines set forth by the State. Impacting all of the College's facilities, the drought could also have a major effect on the use of water on the athletic fields and all other grass areas on campus. The College has changed its plumbing fixtures to meet low-flow usage regulations.

Residential Services and Plant Operations are providing additional signs and stickers to be posted during the emergency period. If an individual does not see a sign posted at a water supply, the College asks that they alert Plant Operations.

The College is also in complete compliance with the restricted water use for lawncare and field maintenance.

Red Door party for special individuals in the Valley

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

The College hosted the Best Buddies Friendship Frolic, a party for mentally retarded people, in the Red Door Café on Feb. 23. According to Senior Karen Nguyen, the College's Buddy Program Director, the Friendship Frolic was the first event of its kind in the Pennsylvania Best Buddies Program. The party incorporated a talent show, karaoke and dancing. Sophomore Jared Rosen served as the DJ, getting everyone to dance and coordinating the talent show.

Nguyen said, "The event was absolutely spectacular and crowded" with Best Buddies chapters from the College, Kutztown University, Lehigh University, Lebanon Valley College, Wilson Area High School, Cedar Crest College, Allentown Central Catholic and York Suburban High School attending. There were about 150 students, buddies, volunteers and family members at the party. Sponsors offered free supplies, such as pizza, snacks, drinks and t-shirts. The Red Door was decorated for summer, following the theme of "Fun in the Sun." Nguyen said, "All in all, the event went very well and everyone had a great time."

The Best Buddies program, which began in 1994, pairs students from the College with mentally retarded individuals. There is a great range in age of the buddies, with individuals around 18 years old to those in their fifties. The student and

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People ranging in ages from 18 to over 50 danced at the Best Buddy shindig in the Red Door. Photo courtesy of Karen Nguyen

Afflerbach speaks

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in the United States Air Force Intelligence. Following his time in the U.S. Air Force, the Mayor has since made Allentown his permanent residence.

When asked how his ideas relate to students at the College, Afflerbach explained that the students are truly residents of Allentown, although temporary. Therefore, he explained, "a lot of things that happen in the city also affect the students in the campus." He mentioned how certain issues that concern the city such as crime and recreational and cultural activities can affect the students as residents. Afflerbach said, "to the extent that we can work with the College administration as well as the students themselves to involve them in community activities, the better off we all are."

The Mayor also described how students take active roles in the tie between the city and the College. Many students work as mentors or tutors for children within the school district, perform community service and serve internships with businesses and government in the area. "When we reach out to our residents of the city and ask them to step forward and volunteer their time and effort to help improve our community, we're reaching out to our students at Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest and [Lehigh County Community College]."

Afflerbach also touched upon the issues of parking and housing. He mentioned going to the opening of the new dormitories, South and Robertson Halls, but did not address any other housing ordinances or potential changes for student housing. The Mayor said he is in contact with President Taylor, and brought up the possibility of expanding the perimeter of the College's campus along Chew Street in order to alleviate parking problems, although no plans have been finalized. When asked what made him decide to run for mayor of Allentown, Afflerbach explained that his two main reasons were because of the irresistible opportunity to develop a city that is so "ripe for development" and full of potential, as well as the prospect of being so close to home.

Mayor Afflerbach also acknowledged that although his exigent position keeps him very busy, he does manage to have a life outside of public office. He manages to balance his public and personal lives by revealing, "my work is also my hobby, because I just really do enjoy it."

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 19 – Injured Student – A student dislocated his right shoulder in the Life Sports Center. He was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Feb. 20 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was filed concerning the residence at 414 Albright Street. Three students were referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Feb. 20 – Vandalism – Spray paint was found on the sidewalk outside the East Hall archway.

Feb. 21 – Intoxicated Student – A Prosser Hall resident was found intoxicated and taken to the hospital. The student was later referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 21 – Breaking and Entering – The residence at 2302 Chew Street was found broken into. Allentown Police Department and Campus Safety responded.

Feb. 21 – Harassment by Communication – A resident of Martin Luther Hall received a suspicious call on a cellular telephone. More information is pending.

Feb. 21 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm went off in a residence on Albright Street from flammable hair spray.

Feb. 22 – Injured Employee – A College employee slipped and fell in Seegers Union. The employee was transported to Health Works on Cedar Crest Blvd.

Feb. 23 – Unauthorized Party – Unauthorized students at TKE fraternity house were referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Feb. 23 – Vandalism – A motor vehicle drove on the East Hall Lawn and caused property damage.

Feb. 24 – Noise Complaint – The residence at 525 N. 22nd Street received a noise complaint. Three students were referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Feb. 24 – Theft – A mezuzah was found broken and pieces were stolen from a Prosser Hall room.

Feb. 25 – Vandalism – The blue light and cover of an emergency phone were smashed outside Walz Hall.

Feb. 25 – Theft – The keys to offices in Ettinger Hall were stolen. The locks have been changed.

Feb. 27 – Suspicious Person – A white male, approximately six feet tall with blonde hair, knocked on the door of a house on Allen Street at 2:24 a.m.

Feb. 28 – Theft – Both license plates were stolen off a vehicle parked in the Commuter parking lot.

Feb. 28 – Alcohol Violation – A Prosser Hall Resident Advisor found a 40-oz. beer bottle in a resident's room. The resident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 28 – Alcohol Violation – An underage student was referred to the Dean when alcohol was found in his possession outside the Ye Olde Muhlenberg Tavern.

March 1 – Vandalism – A sink in the men's bathroom in the basement of Seegers Union was found plugged up with the water running.

March 1 – Weapon – A saber-type sword was confiscated from a room in Martin Luther Hall. The owner of the sword was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

March 1 – Alcohol Violation – A bottle of wine was found at 2221 Chew Street. One student was sent to the Dean.

March 8 – Fire Safety Violation – The AEPi house was found trashed. The house was fined and referred to the Dean of Students.

March 9 – Injured Student – A student's nose was cut. The student was transported the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

March 9 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A student vehicle parked near the 23rd Street parking lot was egged.

March 11 – Theft – A plastic chair and a College wooden chair was stolen from 417 N. Leh Street.

March 11 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student backed into a Campus Safety patrol vehicle on 23rd and Chew Streets.

Students thanked for Heifer Project funds

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variety of perspectives and gained a greater understanding of the issues surrounding world hunger.

"The College received a beautiful plaque that illustrates the Gift Ark as well as a photojournalistic book on some of Heifer's projects," said Sint. Students raised more than the $5000 put toward the Gift Ark over the course of six months. Another $1700 was donated to local organizations that work on hunger issues including the Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Valley Conference of Churches, which runs soup kitchens.

Heifer Project has helped more than four million families in need, providing over 20 types of food and income-producing animals as well as intensive training in animal management, farming and community development in more than 125 countries. The Heifer Project also provides opportunities for global education to the many individuals and groups whose gifts make its work possible.

Dr. Marjorie Hass thanked the College's contributers to the Heifer Project.

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Visitors have "Fun in the Sun" at Red Door

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buddy go out together, to places like the movies, restaurants and bowling alleys. Nguyen said the program is a good way to get those with mental retardation more socialized because many of them are only friends with others with the same disability and some do not work, which means they stay at home most of the time.

The Friendship Frolic was originally supposed to take place at the Faith Evangelical Church in Trexlertown, but the church notified the Best Buddies headquarters two days prior to the event that it did not permit dancing or non-Christian music. Nguyen was able to book the Red Door Café with the help of Valerie Lane, the Director of Community Services.

March is Best Buddies Month, and on the 22nd, there will be a bowling party at Rosebowl. On April 20, there will be the annual Best Buddies Ball, which is a semi-formal event. Nguyen encourages all students interested in the Best Buddies program to attend the upcoming events.

Victims of domestic violence

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community," he wrote.

As the production ended and the audience filtered out into the hall in Trexler Pavilion on a Saturday night showing of the *Monologues,* women laughed and hugged each other.

The tables from Turning Point were set with place settings "signifying a battered woman who had died," explained Pillsbury. People milled around the place settings and the tables set up by Planned Parenthood and Turning Point. At each "empty place" on the tables, there was a newspaper clipping displayed. One relayed the story of "Julie H.", age 23, a slaying victim who had been a nurse from Bethlehem. Another clipping was about a Cherryville woman who was shot to death.

Lauren Bachman '02, the state manager for the *Monologues,* said she felt a "sense of accomplishment [as] one of the messengers and as part of an amazing group of women" who are working to stop violence against women. Bachman is doubtful whether V-day will return next year. The problem with making it an annual event is that people might compare it to last year and not focus on the message, Bachman pointed out. There has been talk of bringing V-day back in two years, but nothing definite is planned.

On behalf of the students and faculty who helped bring V-day to the College, Roberts thanked everyone on campus who participated in the event.

New additions made to Cardinal Key

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ing Mitzvah Day in April as well as Grandparent's Day on April 14. The Cardinal Key Society members will also represent the College in New York City on March 21 for an '80s decade reunion event. The members will also participate in Reunion Weekend held May 17-19. President and Mrs. Taylor will be attending an induction dinner for the newly elected Cardinal Key members on March 20.

~ Women's Week ~

March 18-22, 2002

Sponsored by S*A*G*E* (Students Advocating Gender Equality)

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Information table: Theorizing Pornography, 11am-2pm, Seegers
Visual Obscenity: Deconstructing Pornography, 4:30pm, Seegers 108-109

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Information table: Women in Art, 11am-2pm, Seegers
Arts Festival, 7pm-10pm, ML Underground

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Information table: Reclaiming the Night, 11am-2pm, Seegers

Take Back the Night March: step out against violence
8pm: March departs from Chapel steps
9pm: SpeakOut follows in Moyer Forum

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Information table: A Place for Every Body, 11am-2pm, Seegers

From Corsets to Body Piercing: How History & Culture Shape the Experience of American Girls
Joan Jacobs Brumberg, Cornell University: 7:30pm, Moyer Forum

The Cardinal Key Society would like to congratulate its newest members!

Class of 2005:	**Class of 2004:**
Christine Davies	Drew Bagby
Laura Friant	Brian Barkauskas
Russell Horowitz	Kristie Byorek
Tracie Konopinski	Steve DeMeo
Dylan Moulton	Justin Deutsch
Cynthia Van Wert	Valerie Eckman
Chris Wilson	Michael Geller
	Michael Hogentogler
	Alicia Luke
	Matthew Menard
	Dana Schwarzwalder

WEEKLY life!

"IF I COULD WISH FOR MY LIFE TO BE PERFECT, IT WOULD BE TEMPTING BUT I WOULD HAVE TO DECLINE, FOR LIFE WOULD NO LONGER TEACH ME ANYTHING."

- ALLYSON JONES

Monologues come to Muhlenberg

BY AUDREY NEDDERMAN
Weekly Guest Writer

The word is spreading across the College's campus, across the nation, and across the world. It is coming and it cannot be stopped. Vagina! It is a word we usually whisper quietly, or even try our best to avoid altogether. Some women still have difficulty naming this part of their anatomy out loud, referring to their vaginas as "it" or "down there."

When playwright Eve Ensler first compiled *The Vagina Monologues*, which are based on interviews with hundreds of women worldwide, the enormity of the positive effect she would have could not have been predicted.

The Vagina Monologues have taken the ultimate taboo topic and turned it into something that is accessible to both men and women alike. It recognizes the shame that has come with being a woman, as society avoids all talk of what happens "down there," the violence of rape and abuse against women, the horrors of gynecological exams and the discovery of female sexuality.

V-Day was created after *The Vagina Monologues* became a success. It was started in order to help women and girls everywhere who are victims of abuse.

Directed by senior Cara Restaino and performed by six lovely and dynamic women: Nicole Cerone '02, Rebecca Hill '02, Marie Ingrisano '03, Liz Marsh '04, Charlotte McIvor '04 and Lori Vroegindewey '04, the production of *The Vagina Monologues* was extremely refreshing. The performers' complete engagement in the material and in each other was simply contagious. They brought the audience to a pensive hush with one monologe titled "Behind the Burqua." This particular monologue explores what it feels like to be obligated to cover one's body completely as Afghanistani women are forced to do.

The audience erupted into a sea of laughter as Cerone demonstrated the many types of orgasmic moans in one of her monologues entitled, "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy."

How has the campus responded to all this talk of vaginas? For the most part, there has been tremendous support for the project. Unfortunately, however, there have also been those few people who have defiled V-Day posters and said demeaning things. This slander and backlash may stem from the misunderstanding that all proponents of V-Day are men-hating feminists.

The Vagina Monologues and V-Day do not by any means exist to bash males, but conversely, they exist in an effort to celebrate the female and address the serious and frightening issues of abuse and violence against women. These issues will not simply disappear if people refuse to talk about them.

Women are not the only group of people that can benefit from this show. Men can also benefit equally from one of the main messages of the Monologues, which is learning to love and be comfortable with your body.

The three performances of *The Vagina Monologues* allowed women from the College and the surrounding community to create and form a supportive crowd in which anything normally con-

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Lesson in Indian theatre

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Asst. Life! Editor

"I incarnated myself in the blackboard." It was with comical remarks such as this that Richard Schechner had his audience both laughing and intensely interested in his lecture about a 31-day cycle play performed in India. The lecture, which was held on Feb. 20 in Trumbower, was based on the play *Ramlila*, which Schechner has studied for many years.

Schechner was introduced by Jim Peck of the Theatre Department, as a man of "varied and many" accomplishments. He is a director, a widely published scholar, has won multiple awards and has been influential as an editor, including serving as the editor of the *Journal of Performance Studies*. One of his deepest interests is cultural theatre and the study of *Ramlila* in particular.

Schechner began his discussion with a rough sketch of India drawn on the board and a description of the country. The play is held in Varanasi, the "most ancient continually settled city" in India, according to Schechner. Varanasi, also called Banaras or Kashi, is located on the holiest of India rivers, the Ganga. Varanasi is considered to be "the city of Shiva." Shiva is a Hindu God who is the King of Dance. In India, "dancing, movement is fundamental to creation," as opposed to in western cultures where creation is based on words, said Schechner.

Ramlila begins with the evil king Ravina. Ravina begins to take over the world and is excessive in the destruction he causes. The gods see the evil in Ravina, and call on the god Vishnu to take human form in order to combat Ravina. Vishnu becomes a set of children, the holiest being Rama. When this play is performed, many in the audience believe the children really are gods. The young actor's feet are not allowed to touch the ground, and they are revered as holy.

Rama married the beautiful Sita, and is going to be anointed king. All is going well for him until Rama's mother wants Bharat, the brother of Rama, to be king instead. Rama is sent into exile with no hard feeling, but Bharat

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Question of the Week: *What was the highlight of your Spring Break?*

"Hanging out with my friend that I met while studying abroad in England."
- Brooke Novack '03

"Sitting on the beach and getting tan."
- Jeff Stomski '03

"I ate dinner at a very nice Italian restaurant."
- Karen Uslin '04

"Resurfacing a concrete floor with my father."
- Meredith Nazar '03

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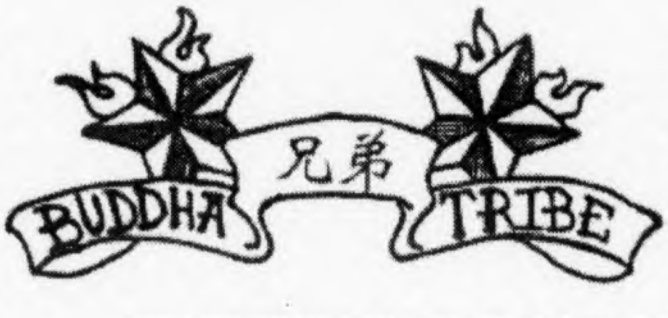
The beat of Buddha Tribe

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

It's not every day that you see a pack of seven preppy looking guys dance around a stage, screaming and rapping simultaneously. This combination worked for Linkin Park, but the concept of mixing rap with rock was getting a little boring.



Buddha Tribe logo courtesy of http://blowupradio.tripod.com

This did not seem to be a problem, however, when Buddha Tribe graced the stage of the Red Door Café last Saturday night. Their music was painstakingly close to that of Fred Durst and the aforementioned Linkin Park, but they sucessfully managed to present a style all their own.

The band was fronted by the mixture of vocals of John Jasinski and Dan Imbibia. Jeff Roberts played drums, Mike Lalor played bass, Matt Torenzo and Tony Kroposky played the guitars, with the College's own DJ Alex Epstein on the 1 and 2's.

These boyhood friends, who manage to compensate for the distance between them, have arranged a band that is brimming with talent, and definitely can grab the attention of a crowd. Hailing from New Jersey, Buddha Tribe has played numerous shows all over their home state. In addition, they have also done a few gigs in New York City. In two weeks they will be heading up to Woodstock, NY for a show.

This hip-hop hardcore band, as they have labeled themselves, had all the elements that a well-formed hard rock band consists of, as well as the design of a freestyle hip-hop squad. The band performed well, but with the numerable musicians to work with, it seemed as though they did not use their resources to their full capacity.

The band's play list put to use a mix of hard vocals. There was a continuous unchanging hook for many of the songs, but they were all original in content.

It seemed as if the audience was transported back to the late 80s where sampling was actually accepted as having musical merit. Yet, there was still something about their charismatic performance that could lead an audience to see past the few imperfections and at some points actually ignore them.

The songs "Lion Dance" and "More Like You" were loud, even too loud at times, yet infectious.

This band is one that, although not perfect, to see their show is an opportunity to experience a really good performance.

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

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FISH: In the early Church, the fish was a symbol of Christian identity, easily scratched in the earth with a toe and then erased, at a time when it could be dangerous to identify publicly with the new faith. The Greek word for fish, icthus, can be read as an acronym of "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."

Fish first became associated with Fridays in 16th-century England, when the Church encouraged and Parliament ordered fish to be eaten instead of meat each Friday. This bolstered the fishing trade and also observed the day of Jesus's death as a mild fast. In Roman Catholicism, Fridays in Lent are still meatless, with fish as the substitute of choice.

Britney Spears' new movie *Crossroads* has crashed

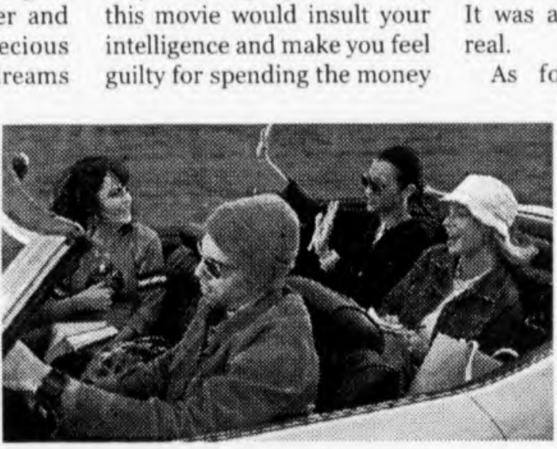
By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff writer

After monopolizing the music industry and Pepsi advertisement conglomerate during this year's Superbowl, Britney Spears and company have apparantely decided that domination of the world-wide airwaves and prime-time television is not nearly enough.

Given the starring spot in the late-February movie release, *Crossroads*, Britney attempts to prove her self-proclaimed talent as not only a singer and a dancer, but also as a singing and dancing actress.

Britney and *Crossroads* together exude a mess of teeny-bopper fantasies come true, coincidental occurrences that are downright absurd and ridiculously oversimplified dialogue that only makes the viewer feel sillier for even wanting to see this movie.

The beginning of Crossroads is completely predictable, opening like any viewer would expect. Three little girls plant their dreams in a box by a mystical tree. They wanted to be best friends for life, and at midnight on graduation, the girls will come back together and dig up their precious moments and their dreams unquestionably come true.



Courtesy of www.crossroads.movie.com

The girls grow up and go their separate ways. Lucy, star heroine and sympathetic heart-of-gold protagonist played by wholesome Britney Spears, becomes the goody-two-shoes valedictorian of the rural high school.

After finally digging up their shoebox, the three girls of former friendship find themselves embarking on an unknown journey across the country to California, as if college plans were wrappers on a burger, tossed away and forgotten forever. On the road the high-schoolers meet adventure, hardship, terror and love.

The purpose of this film is still ambiguous. It seems as if the filmmakers were attempting to say that following your dreams provides the right pathway to follow. Or perhaps they were saying that seeing this movie would insult your intelligence and make you feel guilty for spending the money on a movie ticket.

The portrayal of the three girls during childhood sneaking around to bury their unfounded dreams probably was an aim to reach the part of everyone that reminisces about the innocence and ambition of childhood.

The display of how their lives turned out upon reaching high school was obviously an attempt to remind the audience of their own high schools. In essence, the filmmakers tried too hard to make the film appear realistic and true to actual high school life. It was actually anything but real.

As for Britney's breakthrough across entertainment mediums from music to screen, it was more of a billboard for her music than a crossover to acting. The emphasis of Lucy's wholesomeness is constantly overshadowed by Britney's raciness and popularity in the real world.

The audience is supposed to see Lucy as persistent and ambitious, an icon of perfection, yet the audience probably just sees Britney dressing in her normal half-missing tank tops and shorts. Lucy speaks as Britney speaks in interviews, discussing her virginity and innocence.

Britney's songs dominate the background music of the entire film as Lucy goes on her literal and figurative journey from childhood to adulthood. Lyrics from Britney's songs come from Lucy's mouth as intimate poetry. Just put the lyrics across of the bottom of the screen and quit wasting time!

It is very rare to see a movie and not have anything good to say about it. One of these rare times has fallen upon Hollywood, and *Crossroads* feels longer than it is because the simplistic plot drags along for what seems like forever. Time and realism are blatantly ignored.

Crossroads is basically an advertisement that screams to the viewer, "I'm Britney, come see me and listen to my music!" If you like her music, buy the soundtrack. If you like her look, watch her videos on MTV; they are more exciting and will hold your attention.

Besides seeing the very quick cameo by MTV's lost VJ Jesse, *Crossroads* does not qualify as an icon of entertainment. No time or money should be wasted on such an unbelievably horrible venture.

Fashion Forward:

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor

We all remember the days when we actually cared about what we looked like when we left for school. Ahh, the good old high school years, when we all dressed up to impress a certain someone, or to be dubbed "best dressed." We set our alarm clocks for five-thirty in the morning just to allot enough time to get ready before leaving for school. Those of us who were lucky enough (ha) to wear uniforms to school every day simply did not have a choice, it was skirts and stocking, khakis and ties all the way--no questions asked.

Long gone are those days. It seems as if we see our student i.d. cards as a license to dress down, or more popularly referred to as "scrub it." Most people wouldn't have believed that they might actually go to class in pajamas, let alone without showering, shaving (boys--you know you are guilty) or even running a comb through their hair!

Who would have ever guessed you'd be seen in public wearing a pair of sweat-shorts or pants donning the word "MULES" across the butt, and proudly, to top it off!

The mall was the place to be in high school, and shopping could have been categorized as an extracurricular activity. No more!

Well, it seems that what we can learn from all of this "dressing down" and "scrubbing it" business is to take advantage of the excuse! After graduation, most of us will probably not be employed in an environment where it will be acceptable to wear pants with the name of an animal printed across the back, our favorite Gap flannels, or a hat to cover the mess we like to call hair.

Muhlenberg's Top Five:

Things to Look Forward to in March

5. St. Patrick's Day
4. Warm Weather
3. Mr. Muhlenberg
2. Easter Recess
1. 50 Days!

Compiled by Kelly Anne Robertson

V-day Monologues continued

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sidered unmentionable could be discussed.

Yes, there were men in the audience who seemed to enjoy it as well. If the Monologues have allowed one more woman to say the word "vagina" that could not before, then they have succeeded in achieving an important goal. So, women and men alike, do not be afraid to spread the word.

Indian cycle play

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does not want to be king and waits for Rama's return.

Rama and Sita roam in the woods, and eventually Sita is captured by Ravina. Through some trials and tribulations, Rama kills Ravina and becomes King and all is well. *Ramlila* ends on Vijaya Dashami, the day of the defeat of Ravina.

Schechner, after explaining the basic plot of *Ramlila*, showed a slide show of various parts of India and the performance.

The play is performed daily starting around 4 p.m. and ending around 10 p.m. A small crowd is considered to be 4,000 people. Watching *Ramlila* is "devotional and entertaining at the same time," said Schechner. The event is considered to be both a festival and a religious experience.

Schechner took a few questions at the end of his lecture, and was asked how he had become interested in such a little-known topic. He answered that everyone should have "one thing that is not yours by birth, not yours by habit...but something you can earn...something you study."

His profound words were greeted with contemplation and interest by all in attendance.

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horoscopes

Aries:
You know all the stuff your school counselor is always telling you about careers and about how you can do anything you set your mind to? It's suddenly starting to make a little more sense.

Taurus:
It's not like you enjoy sitting in class all day, but at least you're making an effort. Other people seem to think that acting loud and stupid somehow makes them cool, when it really just makes them annoying.

Gemini:
You can expect heightened anxiety in the week to come. You've proven to everyone that you can handle it in the past, so suck it up, believe in yourself, and do what you have to do.

Cancer:
Just when you thought you had your life's plan all mapped out, somebody comes along to throw the whole thing off balance. You're not really upset about it, though — it's kinda cool seeing the other side of things.

Leo:
You can't force your sweetie to feel the same way about you as you feel about them. As much as you might not want to play games, backing off and letting them come to you may be a good idea.

Virgo:
Arranging everything in your closet by color might seem excessive to some people, but who cares? If you want to do something picky or weird or neurotic, go for it.

Libra:
You don't always have to agree with somebody to have a good time talking to them. In fact, arguing can be totally entertaining. There's nothing more boring than a one-sided conversation.

Scorpio:
Of course you're entitled to your opinions, Scorpio, but you might want to watch who you share them with. Telling your mom and dad exactly what's wrong with their worldview might get you up a creek without a paddle.

Sagittarius:
It's easy to stay in your own little group, once you get into a comfortable routine at school. You know who you like and where you like to hang out, but branching out can be fun, too. There are plenty of people who'd love to get to know you.

Capricorn:
Taking a day off from school can sometimes seem like no big deal — all you miss is busywork and lectures you've already heard. Then comes the time that you somehow miss out on the one important speaker of the semester and the review for a huge test. When in doubt, play it safe.

Aquarius:
You can make just about anything look cool today, whether it's sporting some weird '80s style or doing an interpretive dance in the quad. Start a trend, just for the fun of it.

Pisces:
You're getting weepy over 'adopt-a-child' commercials, and every one of your friends suddenly seems to need you to solve their problems. Don't get overwhelmed if you can't fix everything — just do what you can.

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life! movie listings

AMC

Ice Age
Fri: 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sat: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20
Showtime
Fri: 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat: 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun: 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Resident Evil
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The Time Machine
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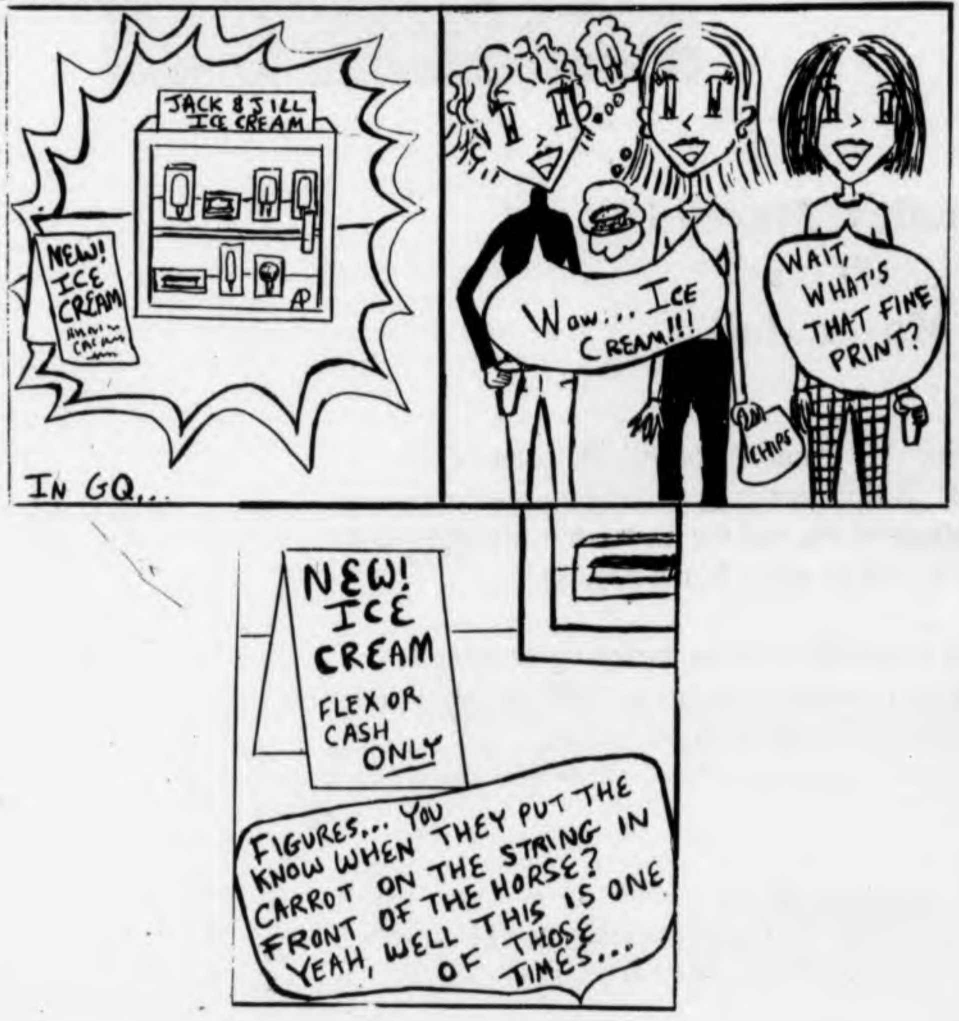
We Were Soldiers
Fri: 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat: 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sun: 12:45, 4:00, 7:10
40 Days and 40 Nights
Fri: 4:30, 8:00, 10:30
Sat: 2:00, 4:30, 8:00, 10:30
Sun: 2:00, 4:30, 8:00
A Beautiful Mind
Fri: 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
Sat: 1:00, 4:10, 10:15
Sun: 1:00, 4:10, 7:15
I Am Sam
Fri-Sun: 4:00
Dragonfly
Fri-Sat: 7:00, 9:50
Sun: 7:00
The Rookie
Sat: 7:30
Big Fat Liar
Sat-Sun: 1:10

Creative Corner: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Thursday, March 14
*9-11pm Red Door TRIPLE THREAT

Friday, March 15
*9-10pm Red Door Comedian "TINY GLOVER"
*10pm-2am Student Union PHOTO BOOTH & NASCAR VIRTUAL REALITY
*10:30-Midnight Student Union Singer "HEATHER BLAKESLEE"

Saturday, March 16
*9-11pm Red Door Band "REBEL SAINTS"
*10pm-2am Student Union " CUSTOM LICENSE PLATES"

Monday, March 18
TICKETS TO LION KING GO ON SALE TO STUDENTS ONLY AT 9AM IN THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

Tuesday, March 19
*8pm Red Door "A NIGHT OF BILLY JOEL"

Wednesday, March 20
*9-11pm Red Door JERZY JUNG

Wrestlers finish successful season without All-American status

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American status. Holsinger and Cathey both won two bouts in their respective consolation brackets.

Despite the hardworking wrestlers leaving Scranton without certificates acknowledging All-American status in their hands, Yeasted and Schleicher were quick to discuss just how much Cathey, Holsinger and Faust have meant to the team. "We will have some holes to fill with the losses," Schleicher said when referring to the upcoming May graduations of the seniors. "They were the foundation of the team for the last four years," he added.

"Bill, Andy and Tyler have been the backbone of this team for four years and without a doubt they have been the most successful class to come through here in quite a while," Yeasted said.

Yeasted put the performances of and himself fellow wrestlers at the national championships in perspective, saying, "We were competing against the best wrestlers in the nation. It's a big accomplishment to even step on the mats at the NCAA championships and that's something the four of us, the whole team and our school can be proud of. Things did not go our way last weekend and its unfortunate but we can't let one weekend of disappointment ruin five months of hard work and success," he said.

Despite the obvious disappointment in Scranton, the 2001-2002 Muhlenberg wrestling team tied the school record for wins in a season with seventeen, finished second in the Centennial Conference, had four Conference champions and four national qualifiers. The impressive numbers and awards are reflective of a team that had a strong combination of chemistry and hard work since the start of the season.

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Contact Jenny Chipman for registration details
jchipman@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3669

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Weekend Home Games

BASEBALL
vs.
Moravian
Sat. 1:00

LACROSSE
vs.
Elizabethtown
Sat. 1:00

SOFTBALL
vs.
Susquehanna
Sun. 1:00

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Friday, March 15th

7:00 - 11:00pm

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Softball team starts off well

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Senior Elizabeth Kostelnick knocked in two runs on a double. Kostelnick's hit was followed by another RBI double off the bat of Tyson. Freshman Lisa Gerbino then knocked in Tyson with a triple of her own.

Kostelnick added another hit later in the game, which moved her into eighth place overall in hits in school history.

In the second game of the day, the Mules jumped to an early lead, but then dropped the game 4-2, as Washington University was able to put together a rally in the final inning of the game. "Washington hit against us. I think they are the only team that really beat us in Florida," commented Gibbs.

The Mules' final day of competition produced the same result as their first day--a doubleheader sweep. The Mules first defeated Widener by the tight score of 2-1. The game was tied heading into the last inning when Sophomore Becki Toth drew a walk. Juniors Kristen Best and Kelly Berg followed with back-to-back singles to produce the winning run.

In the Mules' final game in Florida, Freshman Ally Ogden started the first game of her career and pitched a five-hit shutout to improve the Mules' record to 6-2. Ogden struck out just one batter, but she did not allow a single player to reach second base after the second inning.

Overall, the pitching staff for the Mules--Tyson, DeLucia, and Ogden--allowed just eight earned runs and fifteen runs total. They finished competition with an ERA of just 1.02.

The Mules begin play up north at Susquehanna on Sunday. "This is our second season," said Gibbs. "Our first one was in Florida. Our next ten games can define how well we can do overall and our success in the Conference. We are playing against a high level of competition, which should prepare us for the Conference."

Do you like sports? Then write for the Sports section! Contact Matt at x6408 or e-mail hmeyers@muhlenberg.edu

Baseball team goes 6-3 in Florida

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

Over Spring Break, when many of their classmates could be found relaxing at home or on beaches near the equator, the Muhlenberg men's baseball team took an early season trip down to Florida, for a nine game stint. The Mules went into their trip with a 1-2 record.

The Mules started out Sat., March 3, with a rough loss against Kean University, 4-0 loss. In this contest, the Mules managed only one hit by Senior Benjamin Keisawitz in the fifth-inning. A day later, though, the Mules swung their bats much better in a doubleheader against Lebanon Valley College and Madonna University. They defeated both schools by the scores of 5-2 and 3-1, respectively.

By Thursday, the Mules were holding a record of 3-4, and were desperately looking to bring that record up to .500. A win against Concordia, whom the Mules had defeated just two days earlier, would do just that.

Senior captain Joshua Carter combined with two Mule relievers for a four-hit shutout over Concordia College. This led to a 14-0 win for the Mules and their first chance of the season to be on the positive end of a shutout performance. Carter, who improved his season record to 2-1, allowed only three hits and one walked batter. The Mules, who have already had a one-hitter and a no-hitter pitched against them this season, broke out their bats and had a season high 14 runs. In this rout of Concordia, every Mule in the starting line-up managed at least one hit. Juniors Justin Graf and Justin Rubenstein each went 2-for-3, with three runs scored, and two stolen bases between them. Senior Mike Morris also tacked on his second career homerun and the only one of the game in the eighth inning.

After winning three of their last four games, the Mules saw an opportunity to go 6-3 on this southern trip. This in and of itself gave the Mules the motivation they needed to defeat Wesleyan University. By the top of the sixth inning, the Mules and Wesleyan were knotted up at two runs apiece. But, with two runs scored, including a double by Senior Benjamin Leisawitz, the Mules were able to take a 4-2 lead.

The top of the eighth saw the Mules add one more run to their total of five on the day. However, the bottom of the eighth brought new challenges to the forefront for the Mules. After Sophomore Chris O'Connor got the first two batters out in the eighth, the Mules allowed four batters in a row to get on base, leading to a run scored and bases-loaded situation. At this point Junior reliever, Kevin Komeshok was brought in, and struck out the final batter of the inning.

The Mules returned home, and found themselves two games over .500 for the first time in a decade.

Lacrosse team loses opener

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

There are not too many teams that would be thrilled about beginning a season with a one-point loss. However, that is exactly what happened to the women's lacrosse team on March 5 against Greensboro.

Finding themselves down by three goals, with three minutes remaining in the game, the Mules did not roll over and die. Sparked by goals from Junior Lynsey Cadwell and Senior Teresa Lunardi in the final seconds of the game, the Mules' attempt at a comeback made for an exciting finale to the game.

Launardi, along with Junior Sarah Bowman, each scored three goals in the match. Though the Mules stand with a record of 0-1, they showed the ability both offensively and defensively to have a sucessful season.

Cheer team places first at Temple University

Cheer squad poses for a photo with their newly aquired five foot trophy, after winning first place in the Northeast College Division.

Photo by Shannon Solheim

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

Before Spring Break, the College's Cheer Team won first-place honors, in the 2002 Cheer Tech competition. This full-day event took place at Temple University in Philadelphia. The squad competed against fifty different teams that ranged from youth through college level cheerleading.

The Mules brought a new routine, mainly of cheering and dance, to the competition and were able to walk away with a first place trophy in the Northeast College Division. The College of Misericordia finished second in this division.

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The Green Terror end the Mules' season in the CC Tournament and scare away chances of an NCAA bid

BY MATT MEYERS
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team entered the Centennial Conference tournament tied for their best record all-time at 21-3 and an East Division title. However, the Mules were not destined to win the Conference this year as they fell to Western Maryland in the semifinals of the tournament, 82-83.

On Feb. 20, the Mules faced their biggest challenge of the season, taking on Western Maryland on the Mules' home court. Though the Mules only lost three games during the regular season, one of these losses was to the Green Terror of Western Maryland. In that game, which took place less than a month earlier, the Green Terror terrorized the chances of the Mules having a one-loss season. In this, the only overtime game of the season, the Mules were plagued by missed free throws. In the end, Western Maryland defeated the Mules by a final score of 83-82 on a buzzer-beater.

The Green Terror came into the Mules' house one last time for a final showdown sending one team to continue in the playoffs, and the other packing.

The Mules spent much of the first half trying to catch the Green Terror. After a lapse in defense for the Mules, they found themselves behind by as many as eight points.

The Mules' offense was limited to less than 27 percent in shooting, but the same defense that was rough at first kept them in the game later on.

By early in the second half, the Mules were finally able to overcome Western Maryland, taking a 39-38 lead. For the next ten minutes the lead was swapped several times, with the Mules taking their final lead, 50-49, with 3:15 remaining. The final minutes saw much action, but little scoring.

With seven seconds remaining, Junior Jen Piccolomini of Western Maryland missed two free throws to give the Mules a chance at winning the game.

After the second shot rimmed out, Muhlenberg Sophomore Sue Marchiano snatched down the rebound, but failed to get it past the half court stripe before the final buzzer sounded.

Marchiano finished the game with 18 points and 15 rebounds for her tenth double-double of the season. Other notable Muhlenberg players included Senior Jenn Risley with nine points and five assists, and Sophomore Becky Richmond who finished the game with six points, and 13 rebounds.

The Green Terror went on to defeat Swarthmore for the Centennial Conference title.

Jenn Risley looks to make one of her team high, five assists against the Green Terror.
MUHLENBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Softball returns home from Florida with an impressive 6-2 record

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Asst. Sports Editor

Kicking off a season it hopes will lead to a third straight Centennial Conference Championship, the women's softball team went 6-2 in Florida over Spring Break. The team, which has won the CC title the past two years, realizes expectations are high this year, but it is prepared to meet the challenges.

The team was chosen this week by the CC coaching staff to repeat as Conference Champions. "There is a bit of pressure this season," said head coach Ruth Gibbs. "But we have a veteran team back and if we just relax, go out and play, we should be successful."

Outstanding pitching highlighted the Mules' 6-2 start in Florida. Senior Angie Tyson and Sophomore Danielle DeLucia are the Mules' returning pitchers, each having solid seasons last year. Tyson finished with an 11-8 record overall and was an honorable mention to the All-CC team. Teammate DeLucia was named Pitcher of the Year last year as she finished with a 1.27 ERA, the fourth lowest in school history.

"Pitching surely should be one of our strengths this year," said Gibbs. "Both Angie and Danielle have high expectations for themselves this season and Ally had a real strong start in Florida."

The Mules' first win in Florida was a shutout against Kean, which gave Gibbs her 100th career win at the College. In the shutout, Tyson allowed just six hits as she recorded the tenth shutout of her career.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Mules again relied on pitching as they defeated John Carroll by the final score of 8-3. DeLucia had a one-hit shutout going until the bottom of the seventh inning, but three errors by the Mules led to three unearned runs.

On the second day of competition in Florida, they went 1-1 as they dropped the morning game to Thiel College but rallied to win the evening game against Indiana Wesleyan, 5-0. This shutout was the second straight for Tyson, who struck out nine in the game. It is the third time in her career that Tyson has had back-to-back shutouts.

"Against Thiel, we didn't concentrate on our defense," said Gibbs. "Defense has to be one of our strengths."

In the first game of their third doubleheader of the season, the Mules defeated Misericordia, 8-2. The majority of the Mules' offense came in the third inning when

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Wrestlers end another successful season

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Senior Sports Writer

As teammates and classmates enjoyed their last few days of Spring Break, four wrestlers spent their last days of the hiatus in Scranton, PA ,hoping to become All-Americans at the NCAA Division III Championships. However, it was not to be as Seniors Bill Holsinger (149), Andrew Faust (165), and Tyler Cathey (HWT) as well as Junior Nate Yeasted (141) all lost in the first day of the two-day tournament. However, three of the four men came within just one win of becoming All-Americans. The four wrestlers qualified for the NCAAs by having done extraordinarily well at the Centennial Conference Championships which were held two weeks prior the national tournament.

The wrestlers were met with a significant obstacle right from the start, namely the opponents they faced in their first bouts. According to head coach Tom Schleicher, "We had tough draws. For example, Billy (Holsinger) got the only kid he lost to this season (Jim Morgan from King's College). It turned out that all four guys we got wound up All-Americans (in their respective weight classes)."

In the consolation round, tri-captains Cathey, Holsinger and Yeasted each came within just one victory of reaching the ultimate goal of All-

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Longtime culprit breaks dorm window

APD investigates broken window at new dorm

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

Residents of Robertson Hall woke up in the early hours of Saturday morning to the sound of shattered glass. A steel ball the size of a marble broke a part of the outside window of the upstairs common area in the new dorm, puncturing a small circular hole in the glass. Allentown Police Department (APD) and the College's Campus Safety responded and are presently investigating the incident. Working in conjunction, they believe that an individual used a slingshot to propel the steel marble and break the window.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, explained that there have been "random acts of this type through the entire city" occurring over the last two weeks.

Similar marble shooting incidents have been reported at homes, businesses, diners and car dealerships in the Allentown area. Lupole also said that the shootings are not directed at specific people, but rather are indiscriminate acts of criminal mischief.

The incident in Robertson Hall is not the only shooting that has directly upset the College: a small window in the back of Egner Chapel was found broken on Saturday morning as well. Lupole believes that "both cases are similar" – the same type of round marble that caused the broken window in Robertson Hall was found near the Chapel.

Bob Bergmann '02, Head Resident of Robertson, Benfer and South Halls, said, "it was weird to think that something like that could happen." He also mentioned how now that the wall of trees behind the dorm is open, the campus is less closed off from the outside.

APD and Campus Safety are presently on the track to finding the person responsi-

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Amos: Animated and motivated

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

Students and faculty may have seen the cookie industry's Famous Amos walking around campus adorning a watermelon hat, watermelon shoes, a painted shirt and a kazoo around his neck last Thursday. Wally Amos spoke in Moyer Forum at 7 p.m. that night to a large crowd about his passion for cookies, the start of his business, hardships he has overcome, and the activities he likes now.

Amos got into the cookie business almost on a whim. Before his cookie endeavors, he had worked in the record business.

"I was the first agent to sign Simon and Garfunkel and the Supremes," revealed Amos.

Making a commitment to his goal, he quit the record business and opened the Famous Amos Cookie Company on March 10, 1975, after receiving backing by stars such as Marvin Gaye.

On taking the risk with opening his cookie business, Amos feels, "You can't bake anything unless you turn your oven on!"

Discussing what it takes to succeed, Amos believes that living up to a commitment and working as a team are the two most important values one needs to focus on in his or her life.

Amos pointed out that "the only thing you can do by yourself is fail."

When asked by one member of the audience if being spiritual has helped him in any way, Amos responded saying that he is a child of God. He lives his life in such a way so that he gives back to the community.

"I am spirit," said Amos.

After losing the Famous Amos Cookie Company, Amos took on a new endeavor promoting literacy. He pointed out that losing the company allowed him to find where he was truly meant to be.

"Life has a way of positioning you to where you ought to be," said Amos.

Amos currently has a series called "Chip and Cookie – Reading Takes You

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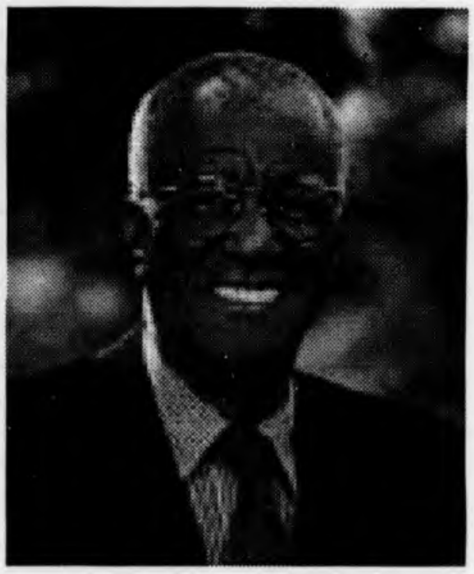

Amos' motivational audiotapes (left)
Wally Amos spoke at the College (above)

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College gains $200,000 grant

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

The College is currently in its third year of a $70 million comprehensive capital campaign. Deborah Kipp, Assistant Vice President of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations, said, "This month, after an 18-month long courtship, the Arthur Davis Foundation announced that they would contribute $200,000 towards Muhlenberg College's comprehensive capital campaign."

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation has recently donated $200,000 towards this seven-year campaign.

The projects within this campaign include the construction of two new resident halls, an addition to the Life Sports Center, renovations to the Health and Counseling offices as well as Seegers Union, and an expansion of the professorship program.

According to Kipp, the donation from the Foundation will be "used to improve Trumbower's science facilities, specifically, to improve the building's air-handling system and to renovate the organic chemistry laboratories."

Through the improvements to Trumbower, the College hopes to maintain its status as having one of the top science programs at a liberal arts college.

In order to receive this award, the College sent the foundation extensive information on students, alumni and trustees.

In Dec. 2001, a Program Director of the foundation, Mr. William Keator, visited Muhlenberg to meet with the Deans, Vice President and the President of the College.

As the Assistant Vice President of Corp. & Foundations, Kipp spoke on behalf of the College about the grant. "The Foundation was particularly interested in the degree to which these constituencies were supporting the annual fund and the capital campaign," she added.

Keator also requested to privately meet with several science students. Five students, Steve DeMeo '04, Sarina Ahuja '03, Richard Kipp '04, Kristy Reinert '02 and Eric Smith '02, met one morning in the Haas Administrative Building for an informal meeting with Keator. He asked the students some general questions about Muhlenberg and the science program.

Keator was interested in getting the students' perspective of the College outside of faculty and college publications.

The students told Keator their views of the College. "Basically we told him how we felt about the school, and I believe he was impressed," explained DeMeo. "We really stressed the strengths of the Muhlenberg faculty."

The College is proud and excited to have received this generous donation.

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The College praises Muhlenberg graduate's honor

Muhlenberg College always honors and recognizes students' achievements during their college years. Students are praised for a multitude of accomplishments, from taking on leadership roles to excelling in academics, the arts or sports. Even after graduation, the College works hard to continue to keep in touch with alumni, tracking them down and finding out the paths their lives have taken. However, while alumni updates may be posted in the College newsletters, students are not often directly informed about alumni achievement. This past week served as an exception.

Ms. Jeanette Eichenwald, a graduate of Muhlenberg College, was recently honored at Keneseth Israel, a local Allentown synagogue, this past Sunday night.

This event is especially significant for the College since it not only demonstrates alumni achievement, it also illustrates the support the College's administration continues to show for its students even years after they graduate.

Ms. Eichenwald was recognized on many levels, including professional and voluntary contributions. In addition, she helped interfaith understanding in the Lehigh Valley. Dr. Peter Pettit, the Director of the College's Institute for Jewish-Christian understanding, orchestrated this event and many of the guests at this function included Muhlenberg administration and Deans of the College. In particular, President and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, past recipients of the award bestowed upon Ms. Eichenwald, were among the ceremony's guests.

This event is especially significant for the College since it not only demonstrates alumni achievement, however, it also illustrates the support the College's administration continues to show for its students even years after they graduate. It is also noteworthy that The Weekly chose to include this impressive accomplishment in this week's issue, which further affirms how even after graduation, we still matter to the college community.

The more we are informed of alumni recognition, the more guidance it provides for current students. Furthermore, it shows the success that can be achieved with a Muhlenberg education. Alumni achievement, and consequently their recognition, reassures the students that their relationships with the College do not end with Commencement.

Put it in writing

ELIZABETH RAUPERS

ROYAL RANTINGS

Every week, I read the paper during lunch, generally sharing it with a friend to pore over whatever "big things" might be happening on the front page. We sit, giggling at the Campus Safety Notes, skimming the life and sports sections and then taking a quick half-serious glimpse at the occasionally esoteric horoscopes. I perform the same ritual with The New York Times minus the horoscopes every morning as I get ready for class. Always, I am astounded, by The Weekly, and by The New York Times, with how people can take events that occur all over the world, and elaborate on them in writing with which all people may read and formulate their own opinions. Writing can be seen as a wave of thoughts, traveling and transcending through the spaces of people, culture and time in order to convey what I see as one of the most important things known to man -- ideas.

My first assignment in sophomore high school English class was to write a paper about "the importance of writing." I blew off the paper and got a C, and only now have really come to conceptualize how valuable writing has been to virtually all living and functioning societies. What disappoints me, however, is that I see a great many people who have been provided an adequate education and an ideal forum to express their thoughts, who do not write at all.

For example, Muhlenberg College is an excellent academic environment, closed enough to provide a milieu where we as students can bounce one idea off of another, but The Weekly, Muhlenberg's only printed paper, frequently goes without letters to the editor. The Op/Ed section of The Weekly usually provides enough hot topics to catalyze some form of thinking, be it agreement, disagreement or thoughtful ambivalence, so to blame the paper for a lack of written response would probably be way off-base. It is also understandable that we, as college students, frequently have burdensome schedules that suck up all of our time to the extent that sitting around for a half-hour induces guilt. Even the technology makes it easier for us to convey ideas without having to go the distance of writing things out, but that is just not enough.

Last week, I finally got a response in "Letters to the Editor" about my Garden Room critique, and my reaction was quite simple: thank you. Even if the reply was a red herring argument, it was still a thought out response to ideas, one that provides readers with an opportunity to see things in a different light. Responses are a crucial way for papers to succeed, and that any paper could have a lack of responses indicates a lack of interests or abilities in the audience. As I previously stated, Muhlenberg accepts capable students, and continues in providing a more than decent education; therefore, ability should not be the issue. Social experiences are important, but college can and should be more than that, and writing can catalyze a connection and communication of ideas that enhances the quality of all experiences. So I implore you, Muhlenberg: put it in writing.

Letter to the Editor:

A life is a life: Remembering those who passed

To the Editor:

In honor of these six individuals who have been killed, and in remembrance of the thousands like them, may we see the reality of paths of mass destruction, which is death, and may we choose otherwise.

Gul Ahmed, father of a large family in Quala ye Khatir, wove carpets for a living. On Nov. 6 a US bomb hurtled from the sky into Ahmed's home killing him, his five daughters, his wife and a son.

Clive "Ian" Thompson, was the husband of Lucy, father of two young girls, Ella and Rachel, and brother to Keith. He lived in New Jersey and worked in the WTC arranging international bank loans for Euro Brokers Inc. and owned cleaning business on the side. Mr. Thompson also was an active member of the Summit First Aid Squad. He was 43 years old when terrorists took his life.

Sharpari was killed on Dec. 12 when an American B-52 unloaded on the village of Charykari. A cluster bomb landed near the porch of her home killing Shapari and injuring her brother. She was ten years old.

Pamela Boyce was a competitive disco dancer and was the Assistant Vice President of Accounting for Carr Futures, Inc on the 92nd floor of Tower One. She lived in Brooklyn with her life partner of 6 1/2 years, Catherine Anello. She was 43 years old when she was killed.

Samiullah rushed home to rescue his family, when he found the bodies of his twenty-year-old wife and three of his children aging from one to six in age. Also killed were his two brothers -- Nasiullah (8), and Ghaziullah (6), as well as two of his sisters aged fourteen and eleven years.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction...The chain reaction of evil -- hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

--Denise McGuigan
and Nancy Grove,
Muhlenberg Chapter of
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What exactly is the truth?

ERIC DEUTCH

STOP MAKING SENSE

Since the beginning of humanity, there has been a search for knowledge. Questions of existence and creation, time and space, and the difference between reality and delusion have been raised. But have we accessed the truth of anything? My answer is no.

Here, in this community of "higher education," we are all engaged in the attainment of knowledge and the search for truth. When we graduate from college, it is believed to be true that we now know certain things of which we were ignorant before. We call this knowledge. But what if I told you that your "knowledge" contained no truth? What if what you thought was true could never be verified? If this has never dawned on you before, let it dawn now.

Plato's definition of knowledge, still used today, states that knowledge is "justified true belief," but I believe this definition should remove the word "true" to gain better accuracy. In fact, almost everything that you hold to be "true" is in fact a possible belief. Yet, beliefs and possibilities do not equate to truth.

When we say something is "true" we mean that it corresponds to factual data; that it is exact, accurate, legitimate, correct, real or not false. But can we say with complete certainty, with "exact" and "accurate" data, that something we hold to be true is undeniably true? Of course not, since no truth in our vast cavern of human knowledge is infallible.

If we look philosophically at knowledge and its relation to truth, we realize that what is true is only what seems to correspond to facts. Though sometimes some facts are inaccurate and nearly all facts are theory-dependent. For example, the scientific community holds as true that tiny particles-known as atoms-exists and that these atoms are the main component of matter. The fact of the existence of atoms is based upon the theory that atoms exist, but does not prove as true the existence of atoms. It would be more correct to say, "it is believed to be true" that atoms exist, or "all data leads to the conclusion of the existence of atoms."

The truth of knowledge is that it is all uncertain and guided by possibility and speculation. The modern scientific method completely depends upon hypothetical induction (attempting to explain an unexplainable phenomena with a hypothesis), to arrive at any conclusion about the reality of a thing or phenomena.

Hypothetical induction, however, is the least dependable and most problematic means of attaining the truth. And since hypothetical induction proves the plausibility of a hypothesis but doesn't verify its truth, its conclusions do not access the truth of its claims.

So where exactly does this leave us? W.B. Yeats said, "The knowledge of reality is a secret knowledge; it is a kind of death." Read into this as you will, but Yeats was onto something here, for the truth of reality--absolute knowledge--is secret because it is beyond our reach. Examining the "truth" of knowledge is fruitful because it makes us realize the limited extent of our capacity to know, and at the very least humbles us in the knowledge that something greater may exist. Some call this God, others call it nature. Either way, we will never know.

Who needs sleep? College students surely don't

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Have you ever really thought about the sleep cycle of an average college student? Go to bed at all hours of the morning and wake-up either ridiculously early to go to class or after two in the afternoon on weekends. You would think that by now at least some of the students would have realized that this is not the healthiest of lifestyles, and would have started going to bed at a reasonable hour. But clearly that has not happened.

When you ask random people on campus how they are, one of the most common responses is "tired." They proceed to go on and say how great the party was last night, who was there and why they had to stay as long as they did and therefore got only three hours of sleep. In any other environment, the individual listening might be shocked by the lack of good judgment used in this situation, but on a college campus, it is apparently different. If you get more than five hours of sleep, people assume something is wrong with you. You must be sick or have a huge test; you couldn't, just once, want a good night of sleep.

> *When you ask a random person on campus how they are, one of the most common responses is "tired."*

Consequently, the student body has resorted to "power naps" in between classes. They are comforted by the notion that if they close their eyes for a few minutes, they may just find the energy they need to make it through the day. Doesn't that sound like something that is done in kindergarten? Are college students reverting back to younger versions of themselves to find these coping mechanisms for their unhealthy lifestyles?

Another thing: can you imagine the caffeine intake of the average student? It must be outrageously high. A cup of coffee before your first class, one after it, one more before your test, and oh, maybe just one last cappuccino when you're hard at work studying. The lack of sleep plus the high blood pressure is enough to give you a migraine just thinking about it.

This may seem as though I am bash-

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Suspected terrorists fairly challenge the US in the courts

Edward Byrne

Weekly Guest Columnist

Why does it seem that when we need our civil rights the most and require the fundamental privileges and immunities the Constitution guarantees, the United States government finds it within its power to limit those freedoms? A recent New York Times article reported that three men are challenging the US courts by arguing that their captivity at an American military base is unconstitutional because it is denying them their right to the due process of law. These three men, two British citizens and one Australian, are being held in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba after being apprehended for allegedly fighting alongside Taliban militants in Afghanistan.

No connection has been made between these three detainees and the attacks of Sept. 11. It is even questionable as to whether these Muslims can be considered terrorists. Regardless of their intent or terrorist status, the US government is imposing a strict holding policy that prevents the general flow of justice. The Bush administration defends its position by assuring the public that these detention facilities are within the reasonable expectations of justice considering the circumstances. Keeping suspected terrorists (and the suspicion is minimal, at best) from arraignment proceedings, court appearances, legal counsel, translators where necessary, family visits and other due process rights seems to be quite inhumane and unconstitutional.

Siding with any view other than the nationalistic power to destroy the so-

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Weekly Discourse: The airing of Sept. 11's documentary film

Highly inappropriate or a necessary course of action?

Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, or *9/11* as it is commonly known, is one I could never forget, and pains me to recall.

After a short nine o'clock meeting that morning, I arrived back at my dorm room where my roommate was laying in his bed on the telephone with his mother, scrambling for a remote control. He turned on the television and there right before our eyes was the picture of American business up in flames.

...hearing them slam into the side of the building and into the ground was far more than I personally wanted to hear.

The CNN commentator was saying that a jet had just crashed into one of the twin towers. Soon after this a friend of mine who was coming back from class stopped over. As he entered my room it was clear that this was no freak accident when a second airplane slammed into the second tower. This immediately broke my friend down into tears. I struggled to understand what he was uttering, as he was unable to catch his breath, but finally I deciphered "my parents work next door." As telephone lines were down due to this same situation happening all over the country he was unable to reach his mother. The next hour or so was spent consoling a young man who had convinced himself that he was now an orphan. The television replayed the crash over and over again, as well as the crumbling of the towers, once that took place.

Luckily, this was not the case; his parents were evacuated from their building and taken somewhere safe. After watching the television for about two hours, we (myself and my roommate) chose to turn it off. Since then I have tried to avoid seeing these graphic pictures, and hearing the personal accounts. However, in the life of a college student, six months is a long time, but as it turned out, not long enough.

Last Sunday was the first time I had seen those graphic images since the week of Sept. 11. That was the day CBS chose to air *9/11*, a documentary originally about a new firefighter several blocks away from the twin towers, as all was changed when a plane flew overhead into the first tower. Though the six-month anniversary of the event seems like a while, after seeing the film it was apparent that it was too soon.

I was again reminded why my roommate and I shut off the television that day. We had heard the stories of people jumping out windows eighty stories up, but hearing them slam into the side of the building and into the ground was far more than I personally wanted to hear. I am not trying to say Gedeon and Jules Naudet did a poor job in this film, I respect the fact that they risked their own lives to record these amazing images. I doubt I would ever be able to do that, but that does not detract from the gruesome imagery in their film.

Though for some people, this may be a very valuable thing to see, for me, most of the things in the documentary I had either seen previously, or never wanted to in the first place.

Jordana Trencher Jaffe
Op/Ed Editor

March 11 marked the six-month anniversary of the tragedy that took the lives of thousands on the early morning of Sept. 11, 2001. While the nation has now had time to re-acclimate to America post-Sept. 11 and in turn, reclaim the normalcy of their lives, the impact of this unfathomable catastrophe still festers and leaves a mark that is still evident in all of us. Life as we used to know it has changed indefinitely, as has our vision of America. Therefore, the nation now seeks to reinstate the relative calmness that once pervaded our lives and the faith we once had in America as a stronghold. Even more so, however, the nation, especially New York City, has sought to help Americans cope and ultimately heal from this incredulous disaster.

This film further unified all Americans by bringing them together...as a nation.

A testimony of the commemoration of the anniversary of Sept. 11's tragedy was the showing of a documentary film on March 10, entitled *9/11*, that was taken by two French brothers the morning of the attack. These filmmakers haphazardly caught footage of the explosion since they had been documenting the life of a beginner firefighter, who was coincidentally stationed at a base, only blocks away from the towers. Therefore, the morning of Sept. 11, when these firefighters were called to the Trade Center, these filmmakers simply followed them with their cameras. Now, six months later, it was decided that this film, live edited footage of the morning of Sept. 11, would be aired on CBS in a two-hour special hosted by Robert DeNiro.

While this documentary film was edited, it still seemed extremely real, perhaps even brutal at points, especially when noises of bodies falling onto the outside pavement echoed in the background. And yet, despite the rawness of the footage and the great discomfort that it may have evoked among the millions of viewers that watched it, the airing of this documentary film was unquestionably necessary. This film gave all Americans the opportunity to take two hours and commemorate the six months post-Sept. 11. It was a chance to pay respects to those who passed away, in addition to the multitude of firefighters, doctors, policemen and volunteers who risked their own lives to save the lives of others. Also, many Americans were curious and interested to witness this live footage that was never released prior to that Sunday night.

This film further unified all Americans by bringing them together in front of their TVs as families, as friends and as a nation. It was definitely difficult to watch and extremely unsettling, but it was nonetheless an appropriate way to honor those who risked their lives and those whose lives were lost. Moreover, every American was given the choice of whether to watch it. Clearly, however, most Americans felt compelled to turn the knob on their television to CBS at 9 p.m. since a documented 39 million people watched this program, seeking answers, comfort and national cohesion.

Sleep... what's sleep?

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ing the sleep habits of college students, but I'm really not. As all of you realize, I am a student as well, and in fact I am writing this article with only a few hours sleep myself. My rational side tells me to go to bed early, get more than four hours of rest and not fall asleep during 8:30 am Hebrew. There are some definite drawbacks to getting only the minimal amount of sleep, but also some great advantages. So you may start snoring in your classes and have to overload on caffeine to stay awake, but think of all the things you would be missing if you were in bed before *The Tonight Show*. For future reference, when your bed is looking like the best place to be, just guzzle down a cup of coffee, throw on your jacket and find something better to do. This is college and sleep is for wimps.

The government has gone too far

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called "axis of evil" may seem insensitive in light of the horrific attacks this country suffered. Indeed it is hard to grant liberties to people who are suspected of robbing those same rights of freedom from us, but denying those rights undercuts the fundamental spirit that this country is trying to regain.

The government has gone too far with usurping due process rights from the detainees in Cuba. Regardless of the legality of whether the Court will sustain the Bush administration's move to strip prisoners of civil rights protections, we as a nation must recognize that such a move only tosses us back to times of severe racism and intolerance. This country has been wounded, and granting legal protections to our suspected enemies may seem absurd, but it is in these instances that our Constitution and justice system are at its best.

Refusing a detainee the right to consult a lawyer is unconstitutional, maybe not on its face, but in the intention of that great document, it is quite invalid. We can't punish someone who hasn't even been formally charged. The government needs to realize that even though the detainees are being held off of American soil, they are still being held by the American government and it's time to allow the legal process to take its course. Presumably, some or many of the 300 captives in Cuba right now are guilty of terrorism against the United States and that will be detected through the Court system.

The analogy to the Japanese internment camps in World War II has been made and will be made again. We have already begun rationalizing the use of racial profiling in this country. We make sweeping generalizations about who terrorists are, which includes what they look like, what religion they practice, and where they live. When we start treating human beings differently because of our own fears, this nation fails in everything it stands for and everything contained in our great Constitution.

We need to restore constitutional due process rights to our citizens and to extend fair and just legal proceedings to non-citizens that are being held captive in Cuba. If it is understood that the Constitution was created to limit government power, than why allow it to fall to the wayside at times when the government is flexing its mighty arm against and for its citizens? I trust this government, and I trust it has the security of its citizens always in mind, but my personal security would be better off knowing that the government embraces the Constitutional civil rights at times of turmoil, rather than trying to quietly brush them aside.

Women's Week brings activities and awareness to campus

S*A*G*E* sponsors a week of events for Women's History Month

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A banner for Women's Week hangs from the trees in the Parent's Plaza.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

March is Women's History Month, and in honor of that theme, Students Advocating Gender Equality (S*A*G*E*) sponsored Women's Week on the College campus. Events sponsored by S*A*G*E*, an on-campus organization, take place throughout the week. Information tables were set up in Seegers Union every day with a different theme. There were also various night activities providing a more in-depth study of the information available at the tables in Seegers during the day.

"The week was set up to raise awareness about women," said S*A*G*E* Executive member, Sarah Kersh '03. "With Women's Week, we are pushing to the forefront of women's minds the issues that constantly exist but are often not brought up."

Monday's theme was centered on pornography. A discussion group took place on "Deconstructing Pornography." The lecture was well attended and focused on broadening the typical opinion that society has on pornography. The definition of pornography was discussed along with the economics that go along with the issue and the gender differences that surround the issue. Dr. Francesca Coppa, an Assistant Professor in the English Department, helped coordinate the event.

"An event like this one has enormous academic value in that it uses a nontraditional subject [pornography] as a means of drawing important connections between sociology, psychology, economics and women's studies," said S*A*G*E* Executive member, Nadine Gorelik '02.

Tuesday's theme was concerned with Women in Art. An Arts Festival emphasizing creativity was held in the Martin Luther Underground that night. Along with an art display, there was also a covered wall where students finger-painted. Throughout the three hours, an open microphone was available for students to present music and poetry. Tables were covered with white butcher paper so that those in attendance could color over them as well.

On Wednesday, a "Take Back the Night March" took place to step out against violence toward women. The march, which is run all over the United States by different colleges and organizations, departed from the Chapel at 8 p.m. Students and faculty marched around the perimeter of the college and created a kind of symbolism to illustrate that the College should be considered a safe place for everyone in the day and the night.

"Because 68 percent of all rapes take place during the night as well as most sexual assaults, the march was created to allow the night to be reclaimed as a safe space for every woman," said Kersh.

A discussion session called SpeakOut followed last night's march. In Moyer Forum, students shared their emotional experiences with others. A representative from the College's counseling center also attended.

Thursday's theme is centered on body images. "A Place for Every Body" table will be set up in Seeger's from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Department, Joan Jacobs Brumberg of Cornell University will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Moyer Forum. The lecture, titled "From Corsets to Body Piercing: How History and Culture Shape the Experience of American Girls," is the first annual Danielle Dionne Guerin Memorial Lecture in Women's Studies. The College's newly endowed lectureship series will feature a different lecturer each year who will speak during Women's Week.

Brumberg has authored *Fasting Girls: A History of Anorexia Nervosa* and *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*. She looks at the fact that the female body is viewed as a project and in this way, puts the health and emotional well-being of that female at risk.

A Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow, Brumberg is a professor of history at Cornell University. She teaches classes in history, human development, and women's studies.

An assessment of the events that took place during Women's Week will occur on Tuesday, March 26th, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Seegers 108-109. WIN (Women's Issues Network) and S*A*G*E* will meet over lunch to discuss the success of Women's Week. Everyone, even those not involved in S*A*G*E*, is encouraged to attend the discussion.

Daughter of Holocaust survivors gives back and gets honored

BY MIKE MAZZARO
Weekly News Writer

Ms. Jeanette Eichenwald is a woman who dedicates her time to over half a dozen organizations, while maintaining a position as Vice President of MicroAge DataSys Technologies. The Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding honored Eichenwald when she received the 18th annual Wallenberg Tribute Award.

The honor recognizes the contribution that Ms. Eichenwald has made to interfaith understanding in the Lehigh Valley through both her volunteer and professional involvement. The award is sponsored by the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding and the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley.

An afternoon reception last Sunday was followed by a dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Congregation Keneseth Israel, 2227 Chew Street, where Eichenwald received due recognition. Approximately three hundred people were in attendance at the reception and dinner to see Eichenwald receive this honor. Guests included President Arthur Taylor and his wife Kathryn, Dean Curtis Dretsch, Dean Carol Shiner Wilson and Dr. Daniel Wilson. The event's Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Peter Pettit, the Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding.

Eichenwald directs the Florence Melton Mini-School in Allentown, promoting Jewish identity among professional and lay leaders. Eichenwald divides her spare time between the Jewish Day School, the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley (both campaign and women's division), the United Jewish Appeal, several local synagogues and the Allentown School District Board of Directors.

Professionally, she has headed the religious school at Congregation Keneseth Israel in Allentown, served as Campaign Director and Executive Director at the Jewish Federation of the

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Window shattered in new dorms

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ble for these incidents. However, an important lead was made that may prove helpful in bringing closure to the ongoing investigation. Detective Brooks Boyer of the Allentown Police Department recently observed a vehicle stop, pause, then take off quickly down a street near the Cedar Crest Park.

Detective Boyer took the vehicle's license plate number and called for another unit to track down the car, but the vehicle was gone when the unit reached the scene. After identifying the license plate number, Allentown Police found that the owner of the car is a non-student. APD will interview the owner sometime this week in an attempt to identify other related cases.

In the meantime, the outside window in Robertson Hall has been removed to prevent any falling broken glass.

The Weekly reviews the past: East Hall

By Kelly Lehman
News Editor

With each room a little different from the next, residents of East Hall often query about the building. After visiting Diane Koch, the College's Special Collections Librarian, The Weekly discovered some of the hidden facts behind the oldest dormitories on the College's campus.

According to a College Catalogue from 1903-04, the trustees had recently secured 55 acres of land for a group of new buildings.

The College had been located in the southeastern part of Allentown since 1867, but realizing that the school's needs were growing, they acquired a parcel of land on the west side of the city. This new parcel of land is where the College is today.

Just as the College did this year with Robertson and South Halls, the new dormitory halls were named after contributors that helped make the building's construction possible.

Back in 1903, the new buildings were scheduled to be completed by Sept. 1 of the following year.

Not only did the College plan to construct East Hall, but also the president's residence, a new College Hall or administration building and a steam-heat and electric-light plant.

The new buildings would constitute the beginnings of the campus.

The College wanted to place the dorms in a rectangular shape, following the "typical Oxford or Cambridge system," the College catalogue read.

Dorm buildings were divided into sections housing 12 to 16 students each.

Since the opening of East, walls have been added, renovations have been made and the space within the halls has been used differently, according to Adam Marles '02.

Today, the L-shape of the structure is divided into sections and houses 174 residents.

Marles, a Presidential Assistant in the Office of Residential Services, gave The Weekly the total number of students in each hall, lettered from A through G.

In halls A, D, E and G there are 17 students each; 43 are housed in B, 34 in C and 29 in F.

During the planning of the dormitories, each hall was to have its own staircase and entrance.

The catalogue mentioned that the main entrance was "flanked with towers which contain, on the first floor, an office, a reception-room, janitor's room, and baggage room."

The halls themselves were each named after a different individual. Berks Hall was named in honor of the Lutherans of Berks County, Pa. They raised $35,000 to build it. Originally, Berks was supposed to house 75 students.

Mrs. Anna Louisa Rhoads, from Reading, Pa., donated $6,000 for the construction of Rhoads Hall, a section on the eastern side of the rectangle. The hall was named in memorial of her son.

The section on the west side of the rectangle was named Luther League Hall in honor of the Luther Leagues of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The first picture of East Hall, the first dorm building at the College. The picture is from the College Catalogue.

Photo courtesy of Trexler Library

The catalogue mentions that more sections would be needed as enrollment increased. "Anyone undertaking the erection of such a section will have the privilege of naming it, which name will be inscribed on a suitable tablet," the catalogue says.

Eventually, additional buildings were added to the original dorms. In 1961, there are records of dedication ceremonies for these additional halls. Stine Hall, Fritsch Hall and Horn Hall were all constructed previous to the fall of 1961, when the dedication ceremonies took place.

Renovations continue in East today. This past summer some of the bathrooms were changed and new wiring was added.

Living in the building reminds residents of what life was like when students relied on fireplaces for heat. Although the flues are shut, replaced by electricity, the campus is still graced by the hard-burnt red brick walls and Indiana limestone of East's history.

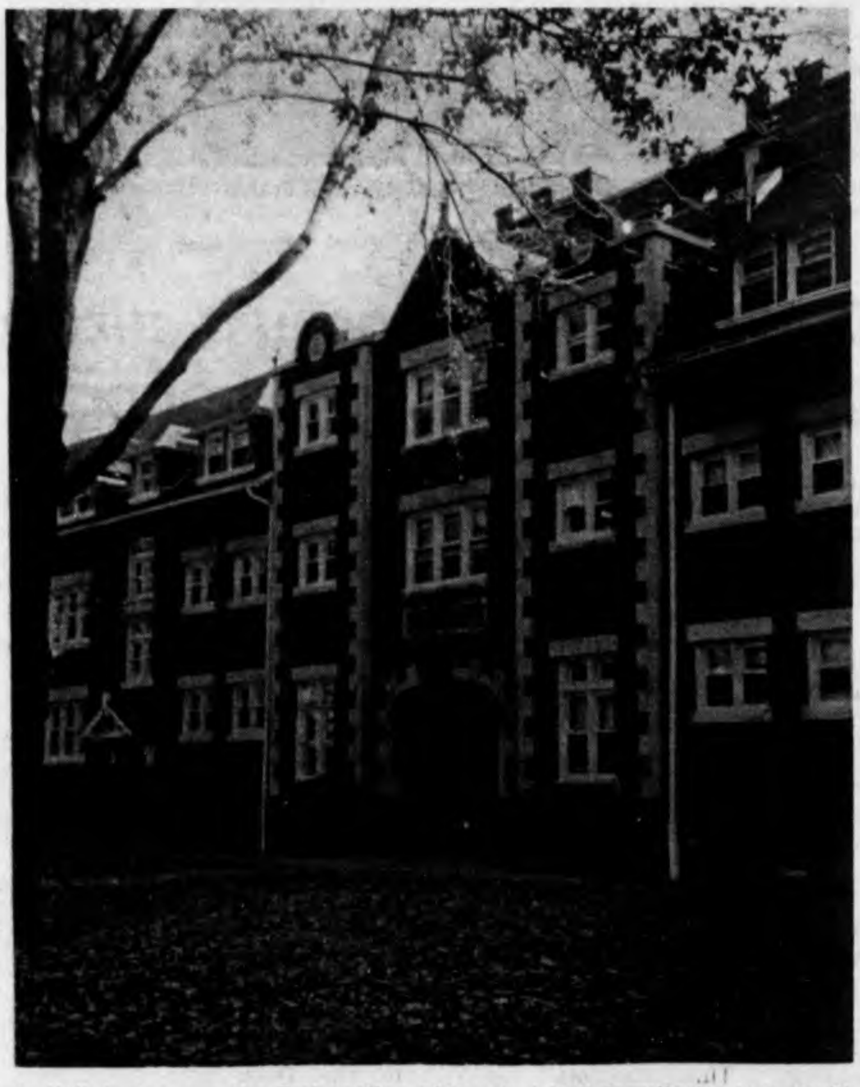
Berks Hall, today, was the first section of the East Hall dormitories to be built.

Photo by Kelly Lehman

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – The St. Patrick's Day parade in Allentown on Sunday was certainly about the traditional Irish green. But it was also about white, as in the snow flurries braved by parade marchers and onlookers. The parade included all the essentials — marching bands, fire trucks, floats and, of course, the Maureen O'Grady Irish Dancers. In total, there were 850 marchers, including 16 bands and 16 floats, making it the largest in years.

Allentown – In the upscale magazines that serve the jewelry industry, it's common to read of cities such as London, Paris and New York. But these days, Allentown is also mentioned. That's because of a young jewelry manufacturer called Angelique de Paris. The CEO and company namesake is Angelique Knafo. When she was taking her MBA, Knafo learned gemology, the science of gems. She then combined her knowledge of business, art and gems and created Angelique de Paris. In 1998, while in France, Knafo and her husband Philippe began the company with a simple premise: make fine jewelry from unique designs and affordable enough that it can be worn daily to accompany almost any outfit. Soon, more than 700 stores in the U.S. were carrying the company's jewelry. "It's a fabulous feeling that in each market there's been such a positive response," Knafo said.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 43 Low: 20	High: 35 Low: 24	High: 44 Low: 29

Local resident honored for interfaith understanding efforts

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Lehigh Valley and has taught at every level from elementary school to university. The daughter of Holocaust survivors, Eichenwald has shared her parents' story and her own in hundreds of classrooms to thousands of adults and children.

> *"The turnout tonight shows how much Jeanette affected our community"*
>
> Rabbi Daniel Feder

While she led the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, a partnership developed with the College's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding to present a Youth & Prejudice workshop and a Holocaust teachers' workshop for local schools. Eichenwald's commitment to education and to the strengthening of interfaith understanding throughout the community distinguish her as for the honor of IJCU recognition at the 2002 Wallenberg Tribute.

At the reception, Pennsylvania State Senator Charles Dent presented her with a citation of community recognition for her various achievements. Rabbi Daniel Feder of the Congregation Keneseth Israel gave the Welcome Address at the dinner. He commented on how "the turnout tonight shows how much Jeanette affected our community."

Cantor Ellen Sussman proceeded to lead those in attendance in the blessing over the bread. After dinner was served, Holocaust survivor and director of the Lehigh Valley Jewish Archives and Holocaust Resource Center, Julius Jacobs, presented Eichenwald with a book and said he was "inspired by her accomplishments."

Dr. Pettit then presented the award to Eichenwald, saying, "she maintains gracious humility and has the capacity when you are with her to make what you are saying the center of the whole world."

After receiving a standing ovation, Eichenwald was invited to speak. "There can be no greater honor bestowed upon me than what has occurred to me this evening," she announced.

As a graduate of Muhlenberg, she said she was glad to see that the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding was creating encounters for individuals who are different. She also firmly believes that "when you touch one life it is as if you have saved all humanity...that is what the Institute does."

Eichenwald paid tribute to her father, who was in attendance, to her husband Eduardo and to her children. She exclaimed that the evening was one she shall never forget.

After another standing ovation, Rev. Richard Ford of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown gave a closing blessing.

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The dinner was followed by the Wallenberg Tribute performance at the Trexler Pavilion, a free event open to the public due to the continuing support of local philanthropists Joe and Rita Scheller. Claudia Stevens was the author, composer, arranger and sole performer of the 2002 Wallenberg presentation, "A Table Before Me," which she described as "a work of theater-with-music."

The event annually commemorates the work of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who led efforts in Budapest, Hungary to save Jews from deportation to Nazi death camps in the closing months of World War II. Wallenberg is credited with saving the lives of at least 20,000 and perhaps as many as 100,000 Jews. Past winners of this award include: Arthur and Kathryn Taylor (2001), Alice Elkhardt (1996), Bishop Hal Weiss (1993), Joe and Rita Scheller, Bernie Frank and Dr. John Tenzer.

Wally Amos inspires students

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Everywhere," which airs on the Public Broadcasting System.

Its two main characters are none other than Chip and Cookie, two very cute chocolate chip cookies that read books, according to Amos.

In this way, he is not only known as Famous Amos the cookie man, but also, Wally Amos, the man who helps children learn to read.

"Being famous only means that people recognize me," said Amos. "That's all."

Amos also recently started a new muffin company called Uncle Wally's Muffins. The muffins are available at Giant Stores, Sam's Clubs and Super Walmarts.

Amos' trip to the College was sponsored by the Leadership Development Program, the Institute of Entrepreneurship, President Taylor, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Office of Multicultural Life. Amos has spoken all over the United States and currently resides in Kailua, Hawaii.

Why the watermelon shoes, you ask? "Because I have to remind myself that life is a fun experience," said Amos. "I'm not serious, but I'm responsible."

Students and faculty had a tremendously positive response to the college's visit by Amos.

"Amos is an inspiration," said Ryan Kavalsky '05. "I thoroughly enjoyed all that he had to say."

Everyone especially enjoyed the "Cookie Social" after Amos's presentation where guests met and spoke with Amos and ate some "famous" cookies.

Campus Safety Notes

March 12 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student and non-student were involved in a car accident on Liberty Street.

March 14 – Vandalism – Two tables were damaged and a large hole was made in the wall of the first floor lounge in Prosser Hall.

March 14 – Information – The mother of a resident of Brown Hall called Campus Safety to make sure her daughter was in her room. The student was found in her room.

March 15 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in South Hall from mixing cake batter in a microwave.

March 15 – Alcohol Violation – Three students and one non-student were caught with alcohol in their possession. The students were referred to the Dean of Students Office and the non-student was issued a letter of trespass.

March 16 – Vandalism – A window was broken in Robertson Hall. The incident is presently under investigation with Allentown Police Department (APD).

March 16 – Alcohol Violation/Trespass – Four students were found trespassing in 2302 Chew Street with alcohol. APD reported the incident and the students were referred to the Dean.

March 16 – Alcohol Violation/Criminal Mischief – Stakes in the ground in Brown Mall were pulled out. The student responsible was found intoxicated and referred to the Dean of Students.

March 16 – Possession of Controlled Substance/ Alcohol Violation/Failure to Comply/Weapon – Four Prosser Hall residents and one non-student were found in possession of Captain Morgan's Rum, Goslin Rum, Jack Daniels Whiskey, a Swiss army knife and marijuana in a sandwich bag and in cigars. The students were referred to the Dean and the non-student was given a letter of trespass.

March 16 – Assist Other Agency – A noise complaint was made to APD regarding 513 North 21st Street. Four students, Matthew Bernardo, Ashley Fahey, Allison Smith and Paul Weisblatt, were cited by Allentown Police for noise disturbance and underage consumption of alcohol and will receive a letter from the city of Allentown.

March 16 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was filed regarding 527 North 22nd Street. One student was referred to the Dean of Students.

March 16 – Weapon – A jack knife was confiscated from a Prosser Hall resident. The student was referred to the Dean.

March 16 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A car parked in the Trexler Library parking lot was found with its rear passenger side tire punctured.

March 16 – Vandalism – APD is currently investigating a broken window in the back of Egner Chapel.

March 16 – Vandalism to Vehicle – Three tires of a car parked in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity parking lot were found deflated.

March 16 – Sick Student – A student had an asthma attack at the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house. The student refused transport.

March 17 – Trashing – An empty bottle of orange juice, a half-empty bag of popcorn and a plastic tray from Seegers Union were found scattered on the main stairwell in Prosser Hall.

March 17 – Vandalism – Paper towels clogged a toilet in the first floor men's bathroom in Seegers Union.

March 17 – Harassment by Communication – A resident of Walz Hall received 12 hang-up calls. Campus Safety identified the location of the caller and a follow-up investigation is in progress.

March 17 – Vehicle Violation – A student vehicle was found blocking the entrance to the fire lane on 23rd and Gordon Streets. The vehicle was towed.

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Double header: Dance departments hosts national festival and is selected to perform at the Kennedy Center

life! on campus

BY EMILY EGER
Weekly Guest Writer

While most students were applying sunscreen somewhere in the Bahamas or relaxing at home, Muhlenberg was hopping. Literally. About 500 dancers arrived on Chew Street around noon on Wednesday, and did not depart until Sunday morning. The occasion? The American College Dance Festival's Northeast Regional Festival, or the ACDFA.

The purpose and mission of ACDFA is to provide an educational experience for college dance programs across the country. By participating in four days of master dance classes, in idioms ranging from classical ballet to pilates and everything in between, students are able to interact with dancers from other schools and share in their passion.

ACDFA also allows each school to bring two pieces to be adjudicated in concerts, as well as provides various opportunities for informal showings.

The adjudicated concerts are seen by three professional dancers, choreographers or dance educators, and are critiqued in a supportive forum, giving both choreographers and performers an opportunity to hear feedback about their piece from another point of view. The adjudicators are not given any information about the piece, except for the title, in order to ensure a non-biased critique, until the entire festival is over.

The festival culminated on Saturday evening, when the adjudicators selected several pieces to perform at the Gala Concert. Every other year, pieces from the Gala are selected to perform at the National Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The College has attended ACDFA for several years, but this is the first year that the college had the facilities and staff to host it. With the addition of the Trexler Pavilion two years ago, and full time faculty member Jennifer Kayle this year, Karen Dearborn put herself to the task of organizing this year's Northeast Festival.

The festival featured the College's own Shelley Oliver, who taught intermediate jazz-tap and advanced jazz-tap every day. This was a highlight of the festival, since a majority of the colleges participating do not have a tap program. Also teaching from the College were Susan Creitz, Kim Maniscalco, Ellen Troy Mulcahy, Robin Gee, Jennifer Kayle, Karen Dearborn and Rebecca Lazier. In addition to their classes, there were several master classes by Baker artist-in-residence, Danny Buraczeksi, and members of his company.

Other schools brought with them a wide range of talents, including a Pilobolus partnering class and a Fosse jazz class.

One of the most rewarding parts of the festival was the receptivity that the other schools had to the College. Many visitors commented on the gorgeous facilities, the beautiful campus and the helpfulness and friendly nature of the student volunteers. The dancers were able to connect with all sorts of other dancers while at the festival, through helping them through tech rehearsals, to taking classes with them, to seating them at a concert.

Two works were adjudicated from Muhlenberg: "Wreckage," by senior Michele Yuras, and "Black Raspberry," by Jennifer Kayle and Megan Bonneau-McCool. "OnceR," by guest artist Brad Parquette, performed at the informal concert. Finally, several teachers performed in a faculty concert designed to allow faculty to show their own work to their colleagues.

The climax of the weekend occurred when "Black Raspberry" was selected to perform at the Saturday evening Gala Concert. This is the first piece from the College to ever be selected to perform at the Gala. With an opening speech by Dean Curtis Dretsch, the evening was flawless. It was topped only by the spectacular reception in the Garden Room, where the pieces selected to go to the National Festival were announced. "Black Raspberry" was selected to perform at the Kennedy Center.

ACDFA Nationals, often thought of as the Olympics of the college dance world, is attended by many influential and important people in the arts community.

As Muhlenberg's program is less than ten years old, this is an honor especially meaningful. Performing are: Kristin Goldrick '03, Megan Richwine '03, Kat Linse '04, Jess Warchal '05, Katie Swisher '05, Jacinda Caras '05 and Jenny Scherer '05.

The festival was a huge success for everyone. It truly allowed the College to shine in its best light, and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the Dance Department, Karen Dearborn, Jennifer Kayle, Ken Butler and all of the dancers who spent their spring break doing what they love best.

Great job, Muhlenberg dancers.

Question of the Week: *If you had to write your autobiography, what would it be called and why?*

"You are who you think you are if you think you are, because life is 1/4 physical and 3/4 mental."
- Marc Rogal '05

"Growing up in New Jersey: the oil and petroleum state, because you can give something a name but it's not nececsarily true. (NJ, aka: The Garden State)."
- Paula Weinberger '03

"On the road to winning a Nobel Prize, because after achieving this goal I am going to write a book to let everyone know what I went through to win it."
- Rachel Miller '04

*"The secret to my success...*I'll tell you when I get there, because something unexpected always pops up and you have to deal with it. Nothing is ever how you expect it to be."
- Julie Christensen '04

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Killing Fields kicks off second annual Asian cultural festival

Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

Imagine living in a constant state of fear and panic, not knowing whether or not you will wake up in the morning. Fortunately, this is not a reality for most of us, but for Dith Pran and the rest of the inhabitants of Cambodia during the reign of the Khmer Rouge it was. The movie *The Killing Fields* is a poignant and heart-wrenching story about an American journalist from The New York Times and his friends, and their journey to Southeast Asia. On their trip, they befriend the Cambodian journalist, Dith Pran who was able to speak in English, enabling them to form a close relationship with him. This relationship, however, was formed against the backdrop of an ongoing Vietnam War, and civil war within the country, which in turn made the bonds solid and concrete.

Upon the beginning of the internal upheaval in the country, Pran and his American friends were accosted by the savage civil forces in Cambodia, and somehow by chance were released with minimal harm done. At that point, arrangements were made for Pran's family to be evacuated from the country and flee to New York, yet these arrangements did not include Pran himself. From then on, the action and violence mounted with each new day. The film portrays mass random killings, as well as an entire evacuation of the capital city, Phnom Penh. In an effort to escape all of the surrounding violence, Pran's friends camped out at the French embassy, but were unable to stay very long at their location. Regrettably Pran was not able to leave with his American comrades when their stay was up, due to the fact that he was a Cambodian citizen and thus unable to leave the country.

The Killing Fields centers around the life of Dith Pran.

Photo courtesy the Asian Cultural Festival

When the journalists returned to America, they were regarded as national heroes. They received the highest distinctions of the journalistic world, but the memories of Pran thousands of miles away would not fade. Through an almost unimaginable journey, Pran managed to work under the coercive force that was ravaging his country, and then ultimately make a successful cross-country escape to Thailand. As he reached the border, word got back to the States on Pran's condition and whereabouts. Without question, his friend from New York boarded the first plane to Thailand for one of the most amazing reunions the world could ever imagine.

This movie was a large amount to swallow, but even more than that, the events struck a chord within everyone due to its factuality. Dith Pran is an example of a truly unstoppable human being who faced horrors most of us could not even dream possible, and came out of it all alive.

Dith Pran's story brings a tear to the eye, and can cause a person to question his or her perspective on life, in light of the events that he sustained. *The Killing Fields* was gripping and emotional.

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HOSANNA!

Echoing the psalms of Israel, the Christian gospel tradition recorded the cries of the crowd that hailed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as "Hosanna!" The Hebrew phrase means, "Save, please," as in Psalms 118:25, and was uttered seven times at the conclusion of the Jewish festival of Sukkot as a plea for rain. This came to be known as the "Great Hosanna."

Generations of Christians have learned "Hosanna!" as a cry of praise or acclamation, rather than a plea for salvation. This likely is because the gospel tradition preserved "Save (us), O Son of David!" as "Hosanna to the Son of David." Thus in Latin, English and other languages, "Hosanna!" has come to be a familiar shout of praise.

Showtime makes you laugh and sigh

life! *review*

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

The model of the partner tag team represents a commonly utilized comedy archetype in the entertainment world. Beginning with such icons as Abbott and Costello and continuing on with Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon in the more recent films like *Grumpy Old Men*, these duets have paved the way for newly fabricated teams to evolve. In this week's release of *Showtime*, starring Eddie Murphy and Robert DeNiro, the idea of the comedy team combines itself with the trials and tribulations of the new genre of the reality television series and the pompousness of Hollywood bigshots. As an ironic stint of self-deprecation, *Showtime* attempts to jilt the audience with belly laughs and hysterics. Although this movie had potential to do so, its incredible absurdity diminished the value of its humor. Laughs often times follow the jokes, yet frustrated sighs are a product of the plot.

Photo Courtesy of www.hollywood.com

Showtime commences with the grateful and dutiful deeds of Detective Mitch, played by the great Robert DeNiro, who not only gets his job done, but does so with human decency, finesse and gruffness. His demeanor is surprisingly stark and brusque, quite unlike any of DeNiro's past roles in more recent films like *Meet the Parents* and *Analyze This.*

In this movie, during a routine drug bust notoriously sabotaged by wannabe actor police officer Trey, played by the frenetic Eddie Murphy, television cameras catch Mitch in the act of reclaiming justice and beating up bad guys. Elated Hollywood gurus decide that a reality television show (not unlike *Cops*) starring Mitch and Trey would create a vast wave of viewer interest and would save their network from their slipping ratings. Thus, *It's Showtime*, the reality *Cops*-like spoof, is born with Mitch as the annoyed straight-man and Trey as the presumptuous funny guy with an unfortunate knack for overacting. In a hubbub of drug busts and gratuitous action sequences, the police team (to us viewers the archetypal comedy team) seek out justice in Hollywood, despite Mitch's overwhelming reluctance and Trey's annoying tendencies.

Showtime's plot and action was surprising and exciting, yet towards the end of the movie, certain sequences became superfluous, leaving a viewer to question when it is all going to end. Characters come out of thin air, as do plot details and twists. Both talented, DeNiro has undeniable more-than-adequate skills for the acting, and Murphy employs his penchant for energetic physical and almost slapstick-like humor. Yet, unlike most viable comedy teams formulated in the past, the two do not play off of each other well as a comedy team. DeNiro's impression of the straight-man position in the comedy team was far too lenient and forgiving while Murphy's delivery of the funny-man was far too overpowering for DeNiro's calm portrayal. Although the chemistry between the two actors was minutely present, it was unbalanced, weakUnlike most viable comedy teams formulated in the past and overall not believable.

Despite the mismatch of

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Muhlenberg's Top Five

Additional Mr. Muhlenberg Contestants

5. The Muhlenberg Turtle

4. Artie

3. Aaron Bova

2. Steve from OIT

1. GQ Gary

Compiled by Kelly Anne Robertson

Fashion Forward:

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor

Confused? One day the thermometer reads sixty-nine degrees, and the next day you wake up to hail impaling your windowpanes and a fresh blanket of snow coating the March ground; March being the operative word in the sentence. All of these mixed messages that Mother Nature has been bombarding us with of late have caused all of us to open our closets and rummage through our dresser drawers in frustration with one question on our minds: "What do I wear today?" The answer to this problem lays in one word: TRANSITIONAL.

March and April are typically defined as the transitional months. This means that, in terms of weather, temperature, etc. they are incrementally transitioning from brisk, biting winter to sunny spring. In terms of clothing and dress, the transitional months can be confusing, but the key is to combine and layer. This way, you can never go wrong. These two methods will free you from changing three times a day because of temperature fluctuations, alleviate you from sweaty days when you wear wool because you thought it would be snowy, and the ever-famous days when the decision to wear flip-flops or Birkenstocks causes your teeth to chatter incessantly.

Combine your spring, summer and winter clothes; just be smart about it. Capris with sneakers and a sweater always looks cute, just (PLEASE) make sure the socks go no higher than the edge of the sneaker. Put a tank top or tee shirt (or both) under the sweater and take off layers throughout the day as necessary. A sweater around the shoulders may be a little on the prep-school side, but clean-cut always looks attractive and beats a sweaty smelly mess. Don't be afraid to wear a sweater with anything--skirts and sandals, shorts and sneakers, capris or light linen pants. Sweaters are great for warmth and style, and as long as the color matches, they go with everything.

A scarf with a light denim jacket looks great if you're not sure what the weather will be. The combo can even be paired with gloves if absolutely necessary. These are accessories whose warmth can successfully balance the lack of warmth supplied by a light denim jacket. They can be taken off throughout the day, or kept on accordingly.

Although it's March, don't put away your pea coats, sweaters, turtlenecks and scarves yet, and don't forget to break out the skirts, capris and sandals. These are all acceptable articles of clothing for the next two months and will provide you with the amount of variety you need so Mother Nature doesn't get the best of you.

Showtime or not?

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Despite the mismatch of character parts and drawn-out absurdity of the story, *Showtime* did have its share of quality one-line jokes. Eddie Murphy spews out terse tidbits of hilarious jokes throughout the movie, and just as a viewer becomes frustrated with the idiocy of people in this film, Murphy's delivery of unexpected humor arouses the laughter from within. However, as an idiotic comedy, *Showtime* scores an "A" in mediocrity. This film is far better than many of the comedy releases from the past year like *Bring it On*. In essence, it was plainly just okay as a movie. When looking for no depth, no plot, and no real thinking, *Showtime* is perfect for a study break.

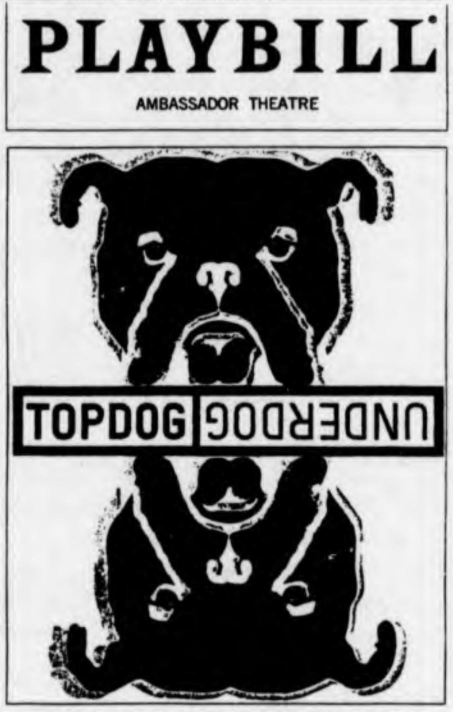
Topdog/Underdog

By Amanda Phillips
Asst. Life! Editor

Observing the playbill for *Topdog/Underdog*, one might think that the play was about bulldogs. After all, the playbill shows two of these animals staring vacantly into space. Yet, the Broadway play has nothing to do with dogs of any sort, but rather it is about making a living and struggling to survive, both financially and emotionally. While well-acted though, one is left wondering what the message of the play is actually supposed to be.

The show opens with a young African American man named Booth. He is practicing 3-card monte, a game in which, the audience later learns, his brother is an specialist. Booth is not very good with the cards, and he doesn't seem to be good at much else, either. The only thing he has going for him is his ownership of a shabby apartment. The high energy, comical and sometimes unstable Booth was wonderfully acted by Mos Def, an acomplished artist making his debut with *Topdog/Underdog*. Def made all of Booth's emotions, whether laughter, jealousy or pain, highly visible to the audience in a natural fashion.

Booth's older brother, Lincoln, enters the picture dressed as the actual President with the same name. He shuffles onstage quietly, his face painted white. He does not make enough money for a place of his own so he stays with Booth. Lincoln works on the Boardwalk at an arcade where people "shoot" the character he portrays as he pretends to be engrossed in the same play President Lincoln watched long ago. Lincoln likes his job, but Booth is disturbed by the image of his brother being dressed so strangely. Booth begs Lincoln to teach him how to play the card game, but Lincoln gave the game up after his wife left him. Jeffrey Wright, no stranger to Broadway, filled the character of Lincoln with at first a quiet contentment, then a growing desire to get back into 3-card monte for wants of making more money.



***TopDog/UnderDog* is well acted but lacks in content.**

Playbill courtesy of Amanda Phillips

One central theme in the play is the idea of family. Lincoln and Booth were named by their father as an idea of a joke. The brothers do in fact seem to be a joke to their parents. The parents abandoned their children at a young age, leaving them with small amount of money and letting them fend for themselves. The mixture of family loyalty and pain runs deep through the scars the brothers both have. They find themselves reminiscing often about trying to cope with why they were left alone. The problem occurs in that there seems to be no reason for the brothers to reminisce except to show that their lives have been rough.

The ending of the play is quite predictable. Lincoln, having gone back to cards, beats Booth and comes out on top. Booth, who has been struggling all along without a job, and having trouble with his girlfriend, reveals that he has just shot his lover. He then proceeds to shoot Lincoln. The ending is so very expected that, although sudden, was not that shocking. When the play is thought of in its entirety it can be seen that, while Wright and Def played their parts exceptionally well, there is not much left to think about. The play was simply a slice of two hard lives. The audience feels for the characters, but is left with no hope, and no solution.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS???

Thursday, March 21
9-11pm Red Door *the return of "AT THIS MOMENT"*
Friday, March 22
5:30pm Red Door *movie "HARRY POTTER"*

9pm Memorial Hall Comedian *"DAVE CHAPPELLE"*
SEEN IN
HALF BAKED/YOU'VE GOT MAIL/ROBIN HOOD:MEN IN TIGHTS/GETTING IN/CON AIR/WOO
JOE'S APARTMENT/NUTTY PROFESSOR/SCREWED/BLUE STREAK/200 CIGARETTES
(1 donation at the door)

11pm-1am Student Union " *"MATT SOFFER"*
10pm-2am Student Union *free "NAME STORY CERTIFICATES"*
Saturday, March 23
5pm Red Door *movie "HARRY POTTER"*
9pm-1am Red Door bands *"THE SUSPECTS & TOBASCO CAT"*
10pm-2am Student Union *free "ENGRAVED KEY RINGS"*
Bus Trip to Les Mis (Sold Out)
Sunday, March 24
7pm Red Door *movie "HARRY POTTER"*
Tuesday, March 26
***MR MUHLENBERG* in Memorial Hall**

horoscopes

Aries:
You might not have as much money to blow as your friends do, but you can conserve by being extra careful about how you spend it. You don't want to end up regretting something you bought, especially if you can't return it.

Taurus:
You feel better than you have in a long, long time today. Do something for yourself that no one else has offered to do for you.

Gemini:
Everything isn't going as smoothly as you might like it to, but nothing is impossible, either. You might just need to try a little harder, Gemini.

Cancer:
The weekend is over, but you're still in party mode. There's nothing wrong with having some fun during the school week as long as you get your homework done, too, Cancer.

Leo:
Before you do something that someone else wants you to do, think about what it might do to your reputation. Some things just aren't worth it.

Virgo:
Instead of doing it the way it's always done, come up with your own solution. Everyone admires your unique way of looking at things.

Libra:
Everyone is drawn to you right now for some reason. This is a great time to make new friends or to have a great time with the ones you already have.

Scorpio:
Pay attention to your relationships, especially the one you have with your parents. Communicating openly and honestly is especially important right now.

Sagittarius:
Work on your communication skills, Sag. If you think before you speak, you'll probably spend a lot less time feeling embarrassed.

Capricorn:
Think outside of the box, Capricorn. You might still have to follow the rules, but that doesn't mean that you can't be creative, too.

Aquarius:
If you need to spend time with an older relative or neighbor, try to have patience. Don't forget that you're gonna be old one day, too, Aquarius!

Pisces:
Tell someone close to you how you feel about them. So what if you feel kinda cheesy, everyone likes to know that they're loved and appreciated.

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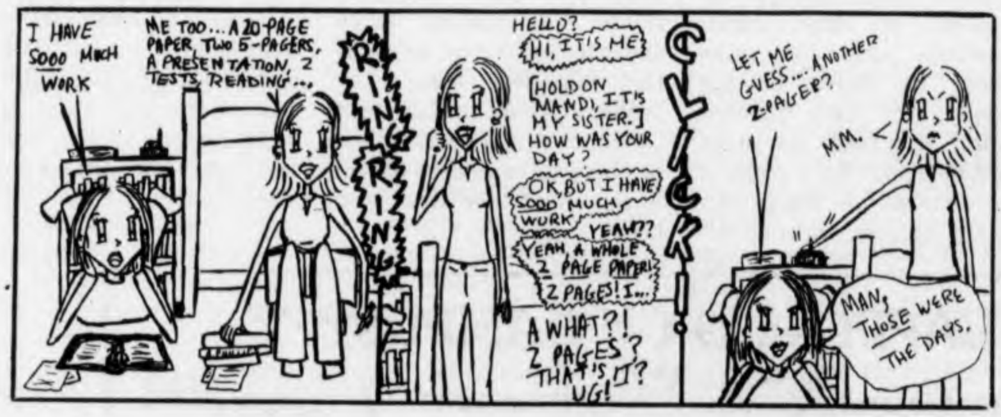
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HELLO?
HI, IT'S ME
[HOLD ON MANDI, IT'S MY SISTER.] HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
OK, BUT I HAVE SOOO MUCH WORK
YEAH??
YEAH, A WHOLE 2 PAGE PAPER! 2 PAGES! I...
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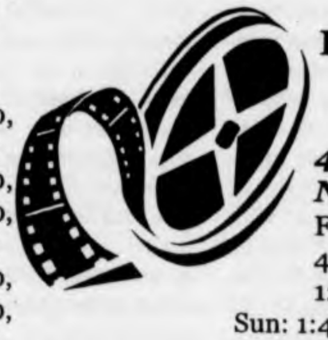
MAN, THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

life! movie listings



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Ice Age
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Lehigh Valley Mall

40 Days & 40 Nites
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Sorority Boys
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Sun: 2:10, 4:45, 7:10

Are you interested in writing for the Weekly?

Contact Cheryl at Cheralina@aol.com

or Hayley at hfenster@muhlenberg.edu

Phi Sigma Sigma

Ice Cream Social

Attention Freshman Girls:

The Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma cordially invite you to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, March 24 2002 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Phi Sig House (Corner of Leh and Chew).

Any questions, please call Abby at x5000!

After going ahead 7-0, the Mules give up eight runs

Mules face tough road games ahead

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The 7-0 lead would not last for long though, as the defending Commonwealth Conference regular-season co-champion Crusaders added two runs in the top of the third inning to cut into the Mules' lead. The Mules responded, however in the bottom of the third, adding another run and taking an 8-2 lead into the fourth inning.

The Mules added another run in the bottom of the fifth, an insurance run that would prove necessary late in the game. The Crusaders headed into the seventh and final inning trailing by the score of 9-3, but they exploded for five runs in the inning and just barley missed pushing the second game to extra innings.

In the seventh, DeLucia gave up five straight hits and two walks, which allowed the Crusaders to score three runs. Freshman Ally Ogden then entered the game as a relief pitcher for the Mules. She took a few batters to warm up, as she hit the first two Crusaders she faced, and walked the third.

This allowed Susquehanna to pull within one. Ogden buckled down, however, and with the tying run at third with just one out, she forced back-to-back ground balls that resulted in force-outs at the plate and secured the Mules' victory over the Crusaders.

With the victory, head coach Ruth Gibbs moved into a tie for first place on the career win list at the College with 106. The Mules begin a string of games on the road starting on Friday that carries them through the end of March. The Mules do not play another game in Allentown until April 6, when they open their Centennial Conference play at home.

Easter Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 28, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.!
There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by March 26, 2002. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

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Northampton Community College freezes hockey team in playoffs

Mules end their season with a 9-5 loss due partly to an abundance of penalty minutes

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's ice hockey season came to an end this weekend with a loss at the hands of Northampton Community College (NCC).

Northampton defeated the Mules in the semifinals of the league playoffs by the final score of 9-5.

The Mules began the game with a quick goal at the hands of Freshman Jared Wallace. Wallace scored on a breakaway less than two minutes into the game. The Mules just missed being up 2-0 when a shot rattled off the left post with ten minutes left in the first period.

Northampton tied the game, though, with less than ten minutes left in the period. Then they went ahead, 2-1 on a power play goal with just a minute left in the first period.

After a delayed penalty call with 24 seconds left in the period, in an effort to create some offense, the Mules pulled Freshman Goalie Chris Cella.

The plan was successful as Senior James Walsh scored a tying goal just 11 seconds after pulling Cella. Fellow Senior Matt Blaszka and Freshman Dan Kaplan assisted Kaplan on the goal.

The Mules scored their third goal of the game with just over a minute gone in the second period when Freshman Joe DeLuca slid a shot past the Northampton goalie to put the Mules up, 3-2.

That goal was the last for the Mules, however, until late in the third period. Northampton turned up their offense and rattled off seven unanswered goals over the course of the next period and a half.

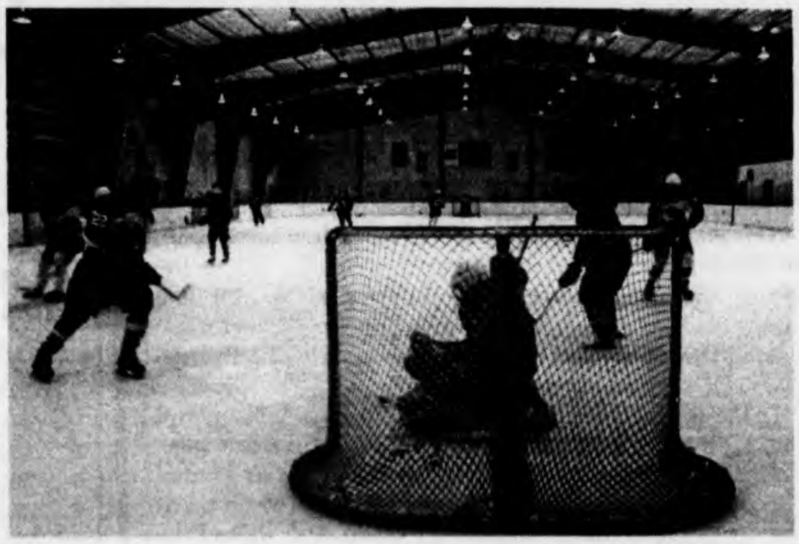
While most of the goals came with both teams at full strength, Northampton had quite a few power play opportunities as well. The Mules had nearly twice the number of penalty minutes as Northampton.

The Mules did come back with two goals in the third period, but it was too late.

Sophomore Jared Cohen added a goal with 5:26 left in the game. With the team still trailing 4-9 with only 30 seconds left in the game, the four seniors, Erik Hirner, James Walsh, Rob Pomento and Blaszka took the ice for their last time as Mules. With just 19 seconds remaining in the season, Blaszka connected to Walsh for the Mules' fifth goal.

Overall, the Mules finished with a record of 8-3. This placed them second overall in the league. The team hopes to move to a more competitive league next season.

Blaska was pleased with the season, not only with the Mules' efforts on the ice, but also with the fan backing the team received, saying, "We could always rely on the fans for inspiration and support game after game and for that, we thank you!"



Goaltending turned out to be a problem as the Mules went down in the playoffs, 9-5.

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:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Women's Tennis Season Preview

Mon., March 18, the Mules defeated Kutztown in the season opener, 8-1.

The Muhlenberg women's tennis team had one of its best season ever in 2001, tying a school record with 11 wins to reach double digits in victories for the first time since 1987.

In the Centennial Conference, the Mules tied for third place with a 7-3 record after never having finished higher than sixth place previously.

So will the Mules be able to do even better this spring? They'll know by the end of the week: Two of the three CC teams to defeat Muhlenberg last year defending champion Swarthmore and Washington – are on the schedule this week (Wednesday and Saturday, respectively, both at home).

The Mules are scheduled to open their spring season against Kutztown at home tomorrow.

Muhlenberg appears well-stocked to climb in the standings. Four of the regular singles players from last year return: Sophomore Mackenzie Parke (No. 1) last year), Senior Jennifer Chung (No. 3) and Sophomores Sarah Niebler (No. 5) and Megan Schreiber (No. 6).

Parke was named to the All-CC first team after going 10-5 in singles play, including a win against the defending conference singles champion. Chung was 12-3 at singles and teamed up with Parke in doubles play to defeat a duo from Methodist that was the top seed at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Niebler was 9-1 after entering the singles lineup early in the season, including a perfect 7-0 mark at fifth singles, and Schreiber set a school record with 13 singles wins.

Also returning to the lineup is Sophomore Gena Ross, who missed most of last spring with an injury but played in the upper half of the ladder each of the last two fall seasons.

Women's tennis team looks forward to another sucessful season.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Carter earns 100th career "K"

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the bottom of the inning, changing the score to 7-6. The visitors would tack on another two runs while Muhlenberg scored just once more making the final score 9-7. In what seems to be routine, Carter added his name to yet another category in the team record book. With his two hits, he became just the second player in school history with 150 career hits.

In the second game of their home stand, the Mules lost an 11-inning game to local rival Moravian. The bottom of the fifth inning was pivotal, as the Mules

Freshman Pete Lankarge looking for a hit.

Photo by Marc Rogol

Weekend Home Games

BASEBALL
Sat., March 23, 1:00 p.m.
vs. Drew

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Sat., March 23, 12:00 p.m.
vs. Washington (Md.)

Facts & Figures

1

The number of first team All-Americans Muhlenberg basketball has had in its history. Senior Mark Lesko became the College's first basketball player to earn that honor this week. Lesko averaged 19 points and 9.8 rebounds per game while leading the Mules to a 19-6 record.

2

The total number of runs that separated the women's softball team from Susquehanna in both games of their doubleheader this week. In the first game, the Mules fell to the Crusaders, 2-3 in eight innings. The Mules came back in the second game to defeat Susquehanna by the final score of 9-8.

4

The number of singles players the women's tennis team has returning to its varsity lineup from last season. Senior Jen Chung (#3) and Sophomores Mackenzie Parke (#1), Sarah Niebler (#5) and Megan Schreiber (#6) all return from last year. In 2001, the Mules finished 7-3 in the Conference earning them a third place finish in the CC.

18

The number of saves Freshman goalie Diana Bleakley recorded in the women's lacrosse victory over Elizabethtown over the weekend. The Mules were outshot by the Blue Jays, 27-24, but managed to hold on and win the game, 10-7.

106

The number of career wins softball head coach Ruth Gibbs has in her career. This total puts her into a tie for first on the All-Time win list for women's softball coaches.

3:35

The length of the game the Mules baseball team played against local rival Moravian this week. The Mules were just two outs away from winning the game, but then the Greyhounds scored three runs in the top of the ninth to tie the game at 11-11 and sent it to extra innings.

Mules look to next four games to set tempo

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Mules' lead to only one, but the Mules were able to pull away with four second half goals to win their first game of the season. Freshman Diana Bleakley made the lead stand up by making 18 saves. The new Mule goaltender is already gaining praise from the veterans on the squad. "Diana is a spark for the team," said Lunardi.

"Not only did it feel great to get the win, it was a tremendous feeling to play together as a team and implement what we have been working on in practice," said head coach Kristen Stuckel. "The players made smart decisions on the attack and our defense played aggressive but were also patient, allowing Elizabethtown to make their own mistakes."

The Mules opened the season with a loss to Greensboro, the 2001 Dixie Conference champions. Lunardi scored four goals while Bowman scored three, and had two assists. Tied with the Pride at the half, the Mules found themselves trailing 12-9 with only three minutes remaining in the game.

The Mules closed the gap to one, but could get no closer. Playing in her first collegiate game, Bleakley made 12 saves for the Mules. Lorin Smith led the Pride offensive attack with five goals.

In their second game of the season, the Mules fell to Widener, 6-5. Widener's Beth Bartman scored a goal 28 seconds into the third sudden-death overtime to lead Widener to their second win of the season and send the Mules to their second consecutive loss.

"I was angry after the Widener game. We shouldn't have lost, and we just let it slip away," said Lunardi.

The Mules trailed early in the second half, but took a one-goal lead on goals by Carlstrand and Bowman. Widener tied the score with only 3:37 left in the contest, and the game remained tied through two three-minute overtime periods.

Among the 21 players on the roster in 2002, nine are freshmen. Many of the newcomers such as Bleakley, Lanning and Carlstrand have already made a significant impact in the team's three games this season.

"We brought in a very strong freshman class, and I think they have brought up the level of play of the whole team. I am kind of bummed that it is my last year to play with them, but I know when I come back in a couple of years, they are going to be doing awesome," said Lunardi.

The Mules will be tested in the next eight days with four key Centennial Conference matchups, beginning with their first conference game against Franklin & Marshall (3-1, 1-0) on Thursday. Last season, the Diplomats defeated the Mules by a score of 18-7.

"Our next four games are all important conference match-ups," said Stuckel. "We welcome the challenge that is in front of us and will learn from each competition. We will also look to capitalize on our speed, strong endurance and our 'never give up' attitude in each game."

With a 1-2 record to open the season, and a more experienced squad, the Mules are looking to improve on last year's season. Coach Stuckel is confident that the Mules are making progress in their attempts to become one of the top teams in the Conference. "I am dedicated to producing a strong, competitive program within the Centennial Conference and the 2002 squad has proven we are heading in the right direction!"

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

A 13-year-old girl died after being hit in the head by a puck that was shot over the glass and caromed off another fan at an NHL game. Brittanie Cecil died Monday night, two days after she was hurt at the game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames, Children's Hospital said. It was believed to be the first death of a fan hit by a puck at an NHL game. "Our fans mean the world to us," said Doug MacLean, Blue Jackets general manager. "This loss has profound effect on the entire Blue Jackets family." Teams warn spectators over the public-address system about pucks flying into the crowd. They also place warnings on scoreboards and on the back of each ticket.

Germany's Illbruck group has abandoned plans to compete for yachting's most prestigious trophy, the America's Cup. Officials behind Illbruck, the overall leader of the Volvo round-the-world race, have failed to raise enough sponsorship for the new project. They are 10m euros (£6.2m) short of the 25m euros required to mount a serious challenge. The Leverkusen-based group were hoping to take part in the four-month elimination series for the 31st America's Cup, starting in October.

Changes in the NFL's television schedule are in the works. Stability in the league's TV dealings is ahead, as well. On a busy Monday at the NFL meetings, commissioner Paul Tagliabue admitted owners will discuss switching important late-season games from Sunday afternoon to Monday night to attract more viewers. Tagliabue also said the league's television future remains with over-the-air networks, not cable -- where the other three major pro leagues have the bulk of their telecasts.

If this Supercross season stays consistent, Ricky Carmichael will not only win the championship, he may be the last rider standing at the end. With several top title contenders already out of the running the series points leader, David Vuillemin, has joined the fray. Vuillemin, unable to ride practice due to an injury, sat out while Carmichael went on to win his third Daytona Supercross in a row. For Carmichael it was another typical Daytona performance. He pulled the holeshot, was passed by Tim Ferry, retaliated quickly, and led the rest of the race in cruise control.

Scoreboard

Baseball
Thurs., March 14 vs. Misericordia, 4-2.
Fri., March 15 vs. York, 7-9.
Sat., March 16 vs. Moravian, 11-12.

Women's Tennis
Mon., March 18 vs. Kutztown, 8-1.

Softball
Sun., March 17 vs. Susquehanna *(double-header)*, 2-3, 9-8.

Women'sLacrosse
Wed., March 13 vs. Widner, 5-6 (2 OT).
Sat., March 16 vs. Elizabethtown, 10-7.

Men's Tennis
Tues., March 19 vs. Elizabethtown, 6-1.

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SPORTS

Softball splits against Susquehanna

Mules drop first game, 2-3 but come back for revenge in second, winning 9-8

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

After dropping the first game of its regular season-opening doubleheader in eight innings, the women's softball team went on to defeat Susquehanna in the second game by the final score of 9-8. Sunday's games marked the Mules' first contests at home and playing up north had its consequences -- the majority of the game was played through snow flurries.

In the first game, the Mules were behind 2-1 in the sixth inning when Junior Meghan Woods led off with her second homerun of the season, driving the ball down the right-field line. The homerun tied the game at 2-2, but in the top of the eighth inning, Susquehanna scored the go-ahead run. The Mules had their chance to win in the bottom of the eighth, but with runners on second and third and no one out, they could not drive home the winning run.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Mules redeemed themselves, however, by defeating the Crusaders by another tight score. The Mules fended off a tough Susquehanna rally in the bottom of the seventh to hold on, 9-8.

Meghan Woods hits a triple in the third inning. Woods hit her second homerun of the season against Susquehanna.
PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION WEBSITE

The Mules jumped out to an early lead, tallying five runs in the first inning and adding two more in the second to take a commanding 7-0 lead early in the game. Two of the Mules' early runs came off a triple from Sophomore Pitcher Danielle DeLucia. In the second inning, the Mules scored two more runs on a two-out double by Sophomore Kate

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Women's lacrosse wins first of the season, 10-7

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

In their third game of the season, the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team got its first win with a 10-7 victory over Elizabethtown. The Mules (1-2) defeated the Blue Jays after two one-point losses to open the season.

The Mules began the season with a 12-11 setback to Greensboro in North Carolina, and then were defeated by Widener by a score of 6-5 in their first home game. With their first win under their belt, the Mules are already making strides from last year's tough season in which they finished eight games under .500.

"I think we are more unified as a team," said Senior Teresa Lunardi in comparing this year's team to the 2001 team. "We all work well together, are working hard in practice and looking to improve everyday."

Freshman Steph Zettel looks for a teammate to pass to.
PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Against Elizabethtown, Lunardi scored four goals to lead the Mules to victory. Juniors Sarah Bowman and Lynsey Caldwell, and Freshman Christa Calstrand and Amy Lanning also scored to lead the Mules' offense.

The Mules led 6-3 at halftime, but Elizabethtown came back early in the second half.

The Blue Jays scored twice in the first two minutes of the second half of play to cut the

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Baseball team loses two in a row, but stays above .500

Team loses heartbreaker to Moravian, 11-12 in eleven innings

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writer

After having spent Spring Break playing in Florida, the baseball team returned to a cold northeast and proceeded to win its home opener but then lose two nail biters.

The Mules began a winning streak in the Sunshine State, a streak that was continued in their home opener against Misericordia. In the 4-2 victory, Senior Josh Carter gave up one run over eight innings to earn his tenth career win. Carter also earned his 100th career strikeout. Offensively, the Mount Vernon, N.Y. native contributed mightily as well. He went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. In the fourth inning, he hit the 30th double of his career, tying the school record for career doubles. Carter's fellow seniors Ben Leisawitz and Mike Morris, Juniors Justin Graf and Justin Rubenstein, as well as Sophomore Adam Sadler contributed offensively to the win, while Junior Kevin Komeshok pitched a scoreless ninth inning to record his fifth save of the season.

Senior Josh Carter en route to a stolen base.
PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

York College ended the team's four-game winning streak on March 15th. In their second home game, the Mules were defeated 9-7.

The Spartans appeared to have won the game by the fifth inning, leading 7-2, but the Mules scored four runs in

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Dean injured in sorority skirmish

Greek Week events deemed tentative after dean breaks arm at softball tournament

By Sigma Freud
Weekly News Writer

In an effort to break up a sorority squabble after the softball opener yesterday, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, suffered a broken arm.

"I just wanted to break it up, you know how these Greek girls get," Ehrenberg explained. "Why can't they all just get along?"

It all started when one of Alpha Chi Omega's varsity softball players, accidentally let her bat slip from her hands, injuring two Delta Zetas. "I don't know my own strength sometimes," defended the Alphi Chi sister, "hope they're okay."

As the two benches emptied out, it began to get ugly. Letters and bandanas were flying, spirit sticks were being broken, hair was pulled and faces were slapped. The Zetas started gaining ground, putting pressure on Alpha Chi's president to call alumni for back up.

Just as the last bat was about to be broken, Phi Sig showed up followed by Phi Mu. They were not much help though, apparently having had a dispute over a slanted pool table.

Luckily, Ehrenberg arrived on the scene backed by Chip Hurd and Ken Lupole. The trio struggled to separate the crazed girls, but it wasn't until 30 minutes later that the fight was finally broken up.

"I thought everything was okay," Ehrenberg said, "I only turned my back on them for a minute."

A minute was just a minute too long. As the dean was walking back to the presumed safety of the Campus Safety vehicle, an attempt to get the last hit in went awry and hit Ehrenberg in the arm.

"I can't believe I hit the dean in the arm. No offense though, but he shouldn't have been there in the first place. Oh, can you leave that last part out?" The sister and her sorority will remain anonymous.

As a result of this, Panhel is revamping the remainder of Greek Week to prevent a reoccurrence. The remaining events are tentative.

Sorority sisters get heated at softball tournament.

Photo by Martin Van Buren

Pres to go under the knife

By Dr. Mark Greene
Weekly News Writer

From The Weekly's confidential sources in President Taylor's (P.T.) office, The Weekly has learned that next month he will have extensive facial plastic surgery.

It is reported that the burden of being 66 years of age and having a face which appears to be 42 has gotten to be too much for the College's president.

"It is embarrassing," confirmed his wife Kathryn, "to have a husband who is approached by younger attractive women at parties and is mistaken in subways for a much younger man," she says "It is also true that the Knickerbocker Third Avenue Rugby Team in New York City has offered him starting position because of his exceptionally youthful demeanor."

The plastic surgery will go on, not to make P.T. look younger, but to make him look his age. "He will be more comfortable," our source says, "and certainly we will be more comfortable in our jobs."

As part of the surgery both jowls will be removed. These cuttings will be packaged and frozen and will be offered at auction at Sotheby's sometime in the fall.

Arthur's close friend, Dr. John Altobelli, poet, artist and occasional plastic surgeon will do the work. Altobelli, reached on his yacht with his wife Jane off the cost of Monaco, said that he expected the surgery to be successful and when Arthur emerges, he will look every inch like the old man that he is.

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Welcome to the annual April Fool's issue of The Weekly. All articles are COMPLETELY fake, but all advertisements are REAL. So, please frequent the establishments--and laugh, or at least smile.

Choose Your Own Weekly Adventure

Standing in front of Haas: the tour versus the go-cart

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

Welcome to Choose Your Own Weekly Adventure--the first interactive issue of The Muhlenberg Weekly.

Interactive features ain't just for computers anymore.

It's à bright Thursday morning. You're standing in front of Haas, facing the flagpole. Chattering voices fill the air, and looking to your left, you see a tour of approximately fifty people. Glancing to the right, you see an oncoming maintenance go-cart.

The parents on the tour begin to yell questions at you.

"What's the food like?"

"Is there much drinking on campus?"

"What's the Jewish life like here, *bubbeleh*?"

Meanwhile, the go-cart, driven by a grizzled worker, is bearing down on you.

"Comin' through!"

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Monty Burns, Editor-in-Chief
Marge Simpson, Managing Editor

Deans must leave students alone: Get out of the way, Rudy!

We, here at The Weekly, feel that the Deans should not get in the way of student life. The way students interact with one another is none of your business. Worry about your own families, not us.

Also, you Dean Rudy, are getting too old to try to break up fights. We know you have to feel macho because you were in the military and all, but we are sorry to break it to you, you are too old. Now we know we are being a little harsh but that is the only way to get some things across to people.

Anyways, back to our rant about Deans getting in the way. Basically, they shouldn't. We, students in college, are old enough to take care of ourselves. People our age are parents, have jobs and live on their own. Just because we are living in a sheltered, rich area, using our parents' money and pretty much living easy, doesn't mean that we can't live on our own. I know many of us here at the College are spoiled, upper-middle class, and bratty, but you shouldn't treat us like little kids who can't do things on our own.

> *People our age are parents, have jobs, and live on their own. Just because we are living in a sheltered, rich area, using our parents money, and pretty much living easy, doesn't mean that we can't live on our own.*

We also believe that you should never get in the way of an angry sorority girl. They become very mean and bitchy and if their wrath comes towards you get out of the way or you are dead. They only think about themselves and they will always get their way and if, somehow, they don't, watch out. As Dean Rudy experienced, they think they look so cute in their letters and bandanas (which they soooo don't) but behind that cuteness lies a beast.

So once again we are telling all of the Deans, you know who you are, to not get in the way of the students and their lives. Because, as you heard, you can get hurt, even break your arm (which hurts a lot, if you don't know already) or even worse, get your hair pulled.

Also, you should never cross the wrath of a sorority girl because the end result is many times painful and who wants to deal with that pain? No one, so don't risk it, it's not worth it.

Filling out freshman rooming cards: What's the point?

Stephanie Single
Roommate of a porn star

It's a disgrace that the Caring College of Character, yes that's right, Muhlenberg College, was just found guilty of throwing away all freshman year rooming requests. Remember those green index sized cards that we all got during June advising, asking us the seemingly trivial, but nonetheless significant questions about our personal habits? Well, apparently, it was all a scam. And I am disgusted entirely. All of the green cards were found over the summer in some garbage can in the Admissions office. They didn't look at them. We thought they did, didn't they? But they didn't. We just wasted our time filling them out and now most of us are stuck with extremely crappy roommates, myself included.

And I definitely took those questions extremely seriously. When they asked whether I would mind having a roommate who was a compulsive farter, I checked NO, and when they asked whether I would be interested in rooming with someone who masturbated every hour on the hour, I also checked NO. And when they asked whether I wanted a roommate who never drinks or smokes, I definitely checked NO. So I just didn't understand why I was somehow placed with a roommate who has made me buy super size Lysol bottles, who moans on an hourly basis, and who simply is no fun at all.

Well, now that this scandal has been uncovered, it is quite clear to me. They simply didn't look at those VERY IMPORTANT green cards that would have saved me from being roomed with a freak. And, even before this shameful act was exposed, I had called housing, because I simply refused to continue living with this absolute crackpot. And housing told me that they would do their best, but it may take a couple months. A couple months? What is that? I wasn't very pleased with that answer.

And this just isn't my fault. There is no reason why I should be roomed with Miss porn star, when I explicitly said that I DIDN'T WANT TO. Sadly, I'm not the only one suffering from roommate craziness. My friend down the hall has a roommate that doesn't put any clothes on until leaving the room. And I really feel bad because I wouldn't want to see some naked person prancing around the room for the entire day. But what can I do to help? Invite her into my room where I have the compulsive farter and hourly masturbator? That didn't sound too appealing to her. And it isn't too appealing to me, either. Sometimes, I wonder whether I would rather just deal with the naked kid, rather than live in some funky smelling room with some recluse of a roommate that just plays with herself all day long. If only the College would have spent just two minutes glancing at the damn green cards, neither of us would be living with these porn stars. But, they didn't. So until housing calls me back, I will just have to continue dousing my room in air freshener and finally invest in a pair of headphones.

Letter to the Editor

Hooray for sex in the showers

To the Editor:

I was writing in response to an article from a recent issue that was entitled "Heads Up: Sex in the Showers Now Permitted." I would just like to say that I have long waited for this policy to be enacted since my boyfriend and I have been written up multiple times. I mean, we tried to be quiet, but apparently, people were still washing up. Who still brushes their teeth at 2:30 on a Saturday night? So, I just wanted to praise the writer of the article along with the administration that finally decided that enough is enough. Thank goodness that they've finally realized how it is. They simply cannot stop us. We will always have sex in the shower.

And now that we are actually allowed to do what we've been doing all along, we don't have to be discreet about it, if you know what I mean. There will be some loud screaming, moaning and panting in that corner shower. I never really understood why we were initially prohibited from doing it in the beginning. Did they really think that just because they said on the first day of freshman year, "No sex in the showers, no matter what," that we would actually listen? This is the twenty first century and we're in college. Get with the program, Uncle Artie. We're going to drink even though you tell us not to and we're going to have sex. In the showers, that is. That's just how it's going to be. So, I think that I can speak on behalf on the entire campus when I say, thank you for waking up and coming to terms with reality. It's about time.

This college is fortunately becoming much more liberal with its policies. I was also very excited when the administration finally decided to allow mass orgies for hall activities. Suddenly, my entire hall signed up when the RA posted the list asking who planned to participate. It was the first time that more than five people were interested in hanging out together. Talk about quality bonding time.

So, again, I just wanted to give kudos to the administration for their sexual liberation. I thank you, my hall thanks you, and of course, my boyfriend does too.

--Sexually
Liberated

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

"Why did you decide to come to Muhlenberg?" asks a middle-aged woman brandishing a Prada handbag.

"Are sports big here?" asks a 6'3" muscular prospective student sporting his blue varsity jacket.

About to reply "hell no," you feel a tug on the back of your shirt and a loss of control. Your feet are suddenly hanging a few feet off the ground. You have been lifted up by one of the hawks that frequents Muhlenberg's campus. He has mistaken you for a tasty squirrel treat. The hawk carries you over campus, along Chew Street and down Cedar Crest Boulevard. You see Victor's Lament become smaller and smaller, and the cars on the ground look like the ants you saw last night crawling under your door in East. The hawk wants to bring you back to his nest.

However, after pleading with him to spare your life, he offers you a free ride either back to Haas or he will drop you on TGI Friday's, which is right underneath you.

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To go to TGI Friday's, turn to page 7.

Wanna make students happy? Get new desks and chairs

Jennifer Moyer
Uncomfortable sitter

What is with the desks and chairs in Ettinger and Moyer? Let me start on the chairs in Ettinger. You walk into a classroom in Ettinger and see a black chair with a desk attached to it. It looks rather normal but as you sit down in one of these chairs you sliiiiiiiiiiide right off onto the ground. What the hell is that? I blame it on the slipperiness of the metal and the way it is sloped. I think the manufacturers of these chairs made them because they were bored and they needed a laugh. Well it's not funny!

Also the chairs are full of all these small little holes. It looks like someone took a hole punch and attacked the chair with it. So when you put your hand on the chair for a second and then you take it off you have all these imprints of little circles all over your hand. It looks like you hand has been infested by warts.

Also the chairs are full of all these small little holes. It looks like someone took a hole punch and attacked the chair with it.

Now let's get into the desks in Moyer. These bother me the most. These look like the desks and chairs from Ettinger but they are a little smaller. The chairs are normal, you don't fall off of these, but the desks are a pain in the butt.

When you put your books, or whatever you bring to class, on the desk, it sliiiiiiiiiiides right back at you. It seems like your books don't want to be on the desk. Are the books hinting that they don't want you to be in class or is it just a coincidence? Maybe they have a mind of their own.

I don't know, I guess I am just not very satisfied with the desks and chairs that we are provided with. I think I want to go back to those desks from elementary school where you can lift up the tops of the desks and store stuff in there. But I guess I understand that the school doesn't want to deal with the weird and gross things they could find in these desks, courtesy of the strange and perverted people who go to this here college. Which, I guess, means that those desks that have a shelf under the desk to store stuff in are off limits also.

I miss those desks that have cool contraptions and shelves, but instead we have deal with the boring desks that do squat. That sucks.

I think that since we pay so much in tuition we should be equipped with big overstuffed leather chairs (preferably green 'cause it's pretty) and nice mahogany desks. That would make going to class more frequent for students because who could turn down an offer like that? I know I couldn't. I think it would make learning a more comfortable pasttime, and for those who sleep during class, it makes their sleep time more comfortable as well. So why not give us what we pay for, instead of cheap little plastic desks.

Us Jews need a chapel on campus

Avram Mordechai Goldstein
Fellow Member of the Tribe

So when you are walking around campus, what do you see? A lot of buildings, cars, people planting grass, people riding around in little golf carts and...a chapel.

Now why do the people of the Christian faith on this campus have place to go to do their thang and those of us of the Jewish faith do not? I know we have a synagogue and a Hillel house to go to but that's not the same as having it on campus. I mean, we have to walk the extra 100 yards or so. Do they think us Jews are in better shape than them Christians? I don't think so. There are a lot of fat Jews and we also bitch more and no one wants to listen to a Jew bitching. We go on and on and on.

Also I think that us Jews deserve the stained glass windows; stained glass windows are cool. They are so pretty and they make pretty colors in the air and on the walls, and stuff. I think that Dean Curtis Dretch should design a Jewish chapel on the campus, I know there is a little space left somewhere so maybe he can find it. Maybe they can knock down some more trees and houses to find more room for our chapel. He can make all those big windows, that he is so fond of, all pretty and colorful.

...I think that us Jews deserve the stained glass windows; stained glass windows are cool.

I mean, this campus is about 30% Jewish, that's a huge number! We make up a third of the student body at this college. We deserve somewhere nice and lively to go to and chill and do whatever we Jews do at synagogue; I'm a bad Jew so I don't know very well. I mean I do go to synagogue maybe twice a year if that but its not like I listen; no, that's nap time. Actually no that's wrong, I listen sometimes but when the Rabbi is droning on and on about something I don't know about or I don't care about then I get bored and doze off a little; it's the same for the classes here at Muhlenberg.

Now I know that a chapel will be expensive to build, but come on we deserve it. There must be a lot of Jews that handle the money for this college because this college doesn't give up money without a fight. What does this college use the money from all the tuitions for? I haven't seen much change except for the new dorms, but they have been planning for that for awhile. Most of the students on this campus give around $30,000 a year to go here, and some give less. But $30,000 multiplied by 2,000 students is a whole crap-load of money. So come on you penny pinchers, give us a chapel.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

It's go time: title fight. You and the big man. You walked on his grass, now he's gonna kick your ass. You could have fled, but now you're dead.

He asks Kathryn to hold his fedora and jacket, and suggests she look away.

"This could get messy," he says.

You two square off. You had previously thought of PT as old and feeble, but now you're close and can take note of his musculature. He sees you staring relentlessly at his muscles and proclaims, "You think the Life Sports Center is just here for you punk kids? When I say it's PT time, I mean *it's PT time.*"

Taylor points to the sky and asks, "Is that the hawk?"

Unwittingly, you turn. As you do, Taylor dry gulches you.

Extending a hand to help you off of the ground, Taylor smirks and says, "Looks like you just got your first lesson in Common Sense 101." As you reach for his hand to make contact, he quickly pulls it away and places his fedora on his head.

"Let's get out of here, Kathryn. And by the way, kid, go see Rudy now. By now, I mean run and see him immediately."

**Looks like you're goin' back to Haas...
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Weekly Discourse: Ice Cream

What is your favorite flavor?

Aphrodite Smith

Weekly Nymphomanic

Chocolate is undoubtedly the best flavor of ice cream. In fact, it is the best flavor of everything. Just ask Ben. No better yet, ask Jerry. New York Super Fudge Chunk, Chocolate Fudge Brownie, and Chocolate Chocolate Chip Chunk.

There's nothing better than spending a Saturday night with a vat of rich chocolate ice cream. Or, of course, on a Sunday afternoon, mounted in a colossal waffle cone after picnicking in the park. Sure, you could have a pint of meek vanilla or strawberry, but both flavors simply don't have the same soothing savor of Hershey's favorite candy bar.

> *Has your boyfriend or girlfriend ever brought you a pint of creamy chocolate ice cream to make up after a fight? You thought they wanted to make up? Nope, not at all. They just wanted to make out.*

When entering your mouth, it sits on your tongue for a moment and your taste buds identify it as the SUPREME flavor. Then, it slivers around, melting slowly, but still lingering in your mouth, since you refuse to swallow it. You just don't want to let it go, especially if it's your last spoonful.

Has your boyfriend or girlfriend ever brought you a pint of creamy chocolate ice cream to make up after a fight? You thought they wanted to make up? Nope, not at all. They just wanted to make out. Yup, you actually thought they were doing something nice and thinking of you. Sorry, try again. Chocolate, for the record, is a natural aphrodisiac. That means that it can make you horny. At points, very horny. So, when your boyfriends or girlfriends walk into your room with a puppy dog look on their faces, pleading for you to forgive them, you might at first take them seriously. And yet, once you see the chocolate ice cream hidden behind their back, you know that they didn't really come to stop fighting. They really came to come.

So, chocolate in essence wins over all other flavors because no other flavor has the power to induce make-up sex. And chocolate doesn't only help to resolve fights with your significant other. Why do you think chocolate is the most popular dessert? Sure, it tastes delicious and it comforts you entirely, but it also revs up your hormones. Chocolate may be a fabulous way to end a meal, but, most importantly, it is a fabulous way to start a night of good loving. And once you're in horny mode, your chocolate consumption is only beginning. Can you say chocolate syrup? Or chocolate flavored condoms? Or even chocolate body paint? Yes, chocolate most definitely provides a good time throughout the whole night.

So, essentially chocolate ice cream is the way to go. It may be a delicious snack or dessert, but chocolate is really the ice cream of sweet loving. It's a naughty ice cream, seemingly innocent and for the sweet-toothed, but it eventually brings out the roaring tiger in you. Clap it up for sexual chocolate!

Van E. La

Weekly Bean

There are so many flavors of ice cream but there is only one for me, vanilla. In fact, to give you a little background, Lord Ice of Cream developed vanilla ice cream long before chocolate or strawberry. That's why vanilla rules! Would you ever eat an apple pie with mint chocolate chip? I hope not, a mint apple sounds a little too pukey for me.

You know there are two distinctly different varieties of vanilla ice cream, and the newer "French" vanilla. Have you ever been to France or know any French people? They reek! I mean bathing is something they only see on television. Do you really want your dessert to taste the way French people smell? I think not! Plain 'ole vanilla is the way to go.

> *A person may say that neapolitan ice cream is better than vanilla. This is a valid argument to some extent, but where would the chocolate and strawberry be without the vanilla on the end?*

And there is only one brand to satisfy my cravings, Breyers. If you have had it before, you will know what I'm talkin' about. It has those little flecks of vanilla bean.

I do not know if they really add any flavor but they sure do look super cool. Have you ever had Turkey Hill? Well, I have. What a mistake. It tastes like frozen crap. Not that I have ever had frozen crap, but if I did I would imagine that it would taste much like Turkey Hill ice cream. But not to digress.

A person may say that neapolitan ice cream is better than vanilla. This is a valid argument to some extent, but where would the chocolate and strawberry be without the vanilla on the end? Therefore, the neapolitan can not be sustained without vanilla, making vanilla superior.

Some people have taken the word vanilla and given it a negative connotation, saying things like "that shirt is so vanilla", meaning plain. Who says there is something wrong with plain? I mean if you had to choose would you take plain potato chips or strawberry flavored potato chips? I think most people would choose plain. Fruits and fried vegetables just fundamentally do not got together.

Obviously those people would prefer one of those "new-age" flavors like chocolate chip cookie dough have never heard of "keeping it simple, stupid." Something to keep in mind: Simple and plain are two inherently different things.

There is truly only one flavor that can compete with vanilla, and obviously that is chocolate. There is though, a reason that a person would never want to be a chocolate lover. Have you ever seen an old western? The good guy always wears white and what does the bad guy wear? That's right - black. I know chocolate isn't black, but it is the closest I have seen in my twenty plus years. And with this knowledge... who wants to be a bad guy. I know that I don't.

Why wine is better than water

Sir Wine Alot

Weekly Drinker

Well, it's not colorless and it has an actual taste, for one. But, wine is unquestionably better than water for many more important reasons than simply its color and taste.

Basically, we all love wine because it allows us to get drunk in style. When drinking wine, we can sip it gracefully and with class at some elite metropolitan restauarant or at a friend's house for dessert. It's not like beer with its rank taste and calorie loaded nastiness. And it's not some mixed drink that can get you toasted even before you finish it. Instead, wine is surely the elegant drink.

Sure, water is great for showers and for watering plants, but its functions are limited beyond that. Why do you see every college student bingeing on liters of water, when wine is so much more exciting?

Do doctors say that a glass of water a day will prevent future heart attacks? No, I don't think so.

So for all you college kids that keep stocking up on cases of water, end this habit immediately. Enough of the transparent crap that helps us wash our hands and clean our clothes. It's time to move on to the real deal. It's time for the red and white. It's time for the wine.

Don't have an opinion? Good for you!
We wouldn't care either way.
And if you do...
KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

It's such a nice spring day, why not just cut across the College Green? It's so much faster than walking along Academic Row, and the grass has just been cut. Walking on the grass never hurt anyone, right? Everyone's doing it. It's the cool thing to do. Someone begs to differ-President Arthur Taylor. And he's willing to take up arms to defend the bright, green grass.

So you've decided to walk on the wild side. You know what he thinks of you grass-walkers. You took your life into your own hands by stepping on the grass, and now you have to deal with the consequences.

A shadow appears, and there stands PT himself. And he wants to make an example of you.

To stay and take the big man on, turn to page 3.

To cower with fear and run back to Haas, turn to page 13.

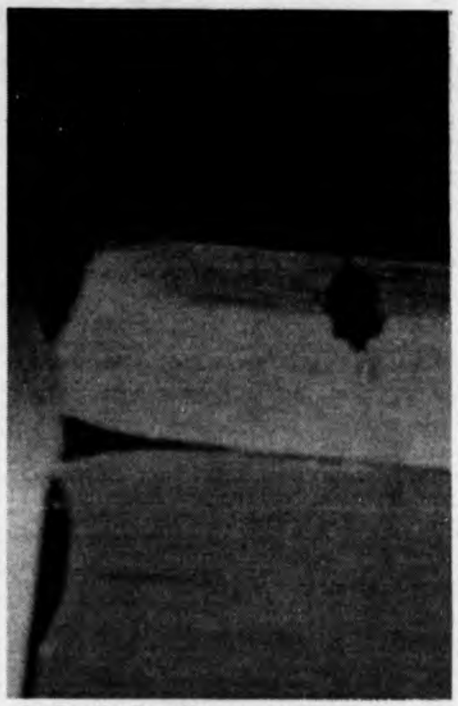
Bug infestation crawls over East Hall

BY SPIDERMAN
Weekly News Writer

East C Hall has recently been quarantined due to the increasing problem of insect infestation. The College's students commonly refer to these pests as "Eastie Beasties." If you have not had the pleasure of encountering these bugs, Eastie Beasties resemble millipedes with thousands of tiny legs and slimy bodies. These insects leave a gooey trail wherever they roam.

Upon further inspection by Plant Operations personnel, there seems to be a larger problem lurking in the bowels of East Hall. With the recent influx of insects, the College has noticed that some East residents are missing. This was not noticed at first due to the fact that some students were happy to be rid of their roommates. The Director of Plant Operations, Mike Brewer was reluctant to release the true story of events behind the mysterious quandary. Usually open for an interview, his secretary said he wouldn't be free for an interview until well after May. The Weekly took it upon itself to investigate this matter further.

To The Weekly's horror, a Hell Mouth was discovered in the old boiler room directly under sector C Hall. The Hell Mouth is the nest of the Eastie Beasties, and the bugs are beginning to spread throughout the entire East Hall complex.


An Eastie Beastie was spotted on someone's Chemistry textbook.
PHOTO BY GENE THE PASTA GUY

After inquiring around campus, many students point the finger at Aaron Bova, the Assistant Director of Housing Services. Bova has recently been seen making many trips to and from the boiler room in East. One evening the Weekly followed Mr. Bova to the boiler room, where a reporter witnessed him summoning up his troops to do his bidding. After he finished, The Weekly inspected the boiler room and found several carcasses, which we believe to be the missing students. They also found a small homeless man amidst a pile of empty boxes.

When a reporter finally mustered up the courage to approach Bova about the said events, he replied that he was just trying to alleviate the housing shortage on campus.

Mike Bruckner turns soccer mom

BY EMERIL LAGASSE
Weekly BAM!

While driving his minivan to work last Monday, just a day after winning the Pillsbury Bake-off, Vice President of Public Relations, Michael Bruckner had an epiphany.

He decided right then and there, that he was going to resign from his job as Vice President of Public Relations at the College, and open a small bakery where the passenger seat used to reside in his van.

"Whenever I drop my girls off at their soccer games, all their young friends are always asking me if I brought my famous 'Bruckie' cookies. On the several occasions that I have brought the yummy treats, they [the girls] just bitch and complain that they aren't warm."

The van-oven on which Bruckner is currently in the process of obtaining a patent will give him the opportunity to make his daughters' bratty little friends happy. When asked if he was a homosexual, Bruckner simply said, "No, I'm a soccer mom slash baker."

Upon arrival to the College early that morning, Bruckner ran directly into Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg's office, flung open the door and said, "Sir, I have news."

> *"No Sir. I am a soccer mom, and jeepers, I am proud of it!"*
>
> Mike Bruckner

"At ease solider...don't tell me Curtis wants to install more metal grating in Moyer, South and Robertson," said Ehrenberg.

"No, Sir," replied Bruckner. He went on to say, "I have decided to resign from my job here."

"Why would you do that, and what is your job anyway? Aren't you that soccer mom bake-off guy that we have in

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New mascot: The Muhlenberg Boners!!!

BY ALLEN IVERSON
Weekly News Writer

Earlier in the week, The Weekly caught up with Steve Erber, the College's Athletic Director, to discuss this potentially volatile mascot change:

The Weekly: *Well, I guess you know why we are both here. I think the saying "if it ain't broke don't fix it" applies here. The Mule was a fine mascot, not the best, but certainly not the worst. Why the change?*

> *"Our rallying symbol was a subservient, dumb, barren creature!"*
>
> Steve Erber

Steve Erber: Well, I am glad you brought up the Mule. The Mule is a beast of burden, a stupid animal which is the butt of jokes throughout the animal kingdom. On top of its physical ugliness, it is sterile. Can you believe it!?! Our rallying symbol was a subservient, dumb, barren creature! The only thing that surprises me is that it took this long to find a new mascot.

But a boner?

Yes, a boner.

Let me clear something up, we are talking about an engorged penis here, aren't we?

No, we are talking about the wisecracking, rough and tumble, yet lovable neighbor on Growing Pains, Richard "Boner" Stabone. Of course we're talking about a penis!

Don't you find anything disturbing about that?

Not at all. Our society allows its Puritan roots to show through way too often.

(At this point he took out a picture of Oliver Cromwell and spat on it; apparently he had spit on it many times before, as The Lord Protector was stained with saliva, coffee, and what appeared to be tiny bits of Skittles)

What would life be like without boners? I'll tell you: it wouldn't be -- AT ALL!

Understood, but I still am having trouble with using them as a college mascot.

Well, with the success of the *Vagina Monologues*, I figured that the student body was really into genitalia. And we needed a new mascot, to begin with. So, I just put two and two together.

But the Vagina Monologues *were about society's construction of women and the disturbing, poignant and oftentimes humorous results of said construction.*

That's fine. And our new teams will be The Boners.

What about the girls' teams?

Of course they'll be Boners, too. They won't put up a stink. We already have some of them wearing skirts when they play sports that might be more conducive to shorts. Now, they'll just have a silk screen of a penis on their shirts.

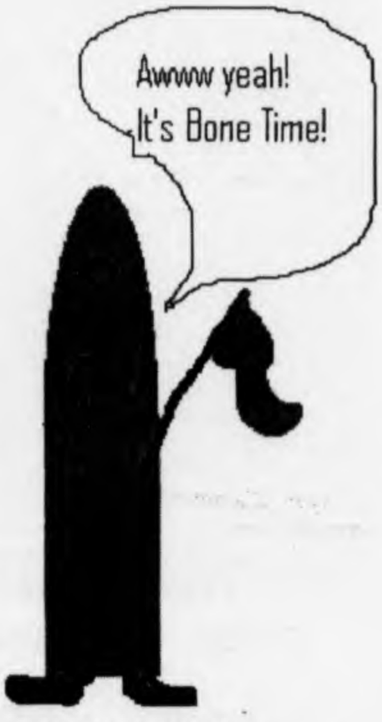
Let's say, for the moment, I agree with you, that The Boners is an acceptable name for a team, which by the way, I do not, but let's say that I do. What should I tell my parents, or my grandparents, or my little brothers and sisters?

I am glad you asked. I want to show you something.

(He reached into his desk and pulled out a modified foam hand, shaped to look like a large, cardinal and gray phallus, with a smiley face and a monocle.)

Oh my god.

Yeah, isn't it bitchin'? Look at the back *(he turned it around and in yellow script the words: "Let's go Bone!" shone at me)* you know those hats that say "Cocks" on them for South Carolina, or "FU" for Florida University? They are so popular because of their innuendo. When we sell hats that say "BONERS" on them,


Awww yeah!
It's Bone Time!
Artist's rendering.
ILLUSTRATION BY VINCENT VAN GOGH

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Blue lights mark campus prostitution ring

By Heidi Fleiss
Weekly Guest Writer

How many of you have driven around campus and wondered, "What are those blue lights?"

It is time the truth comes out about emergency call boxes; specifically those attached to MILE houses, sorority and fraternity houses across campus.

> *"We were unaware of this crisis until it expanded into a non-student market."*
>
> Ken Lupole

In a recent press conference, the Allentown Police Department (APD) and the College announced that the College has its very own blue light district. Similar to red light districts found in all the major cities, Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, compared the campus' blue light district to the rings of prostitution in places such as Los Angeles and Paris, France.

"For years," said Sergeant Peabody, "we suspected something was up, but didn't know where to start. Every time we'd try to catch a 'John' in the act, a Campus Safety officer would intervene." Usually taking the side of the student, the officer would claim that the John (a male engaging in sexual acts with a woman who receives monetary compensation for her services) was merely picking up the female student for night class, according to APD.

"Most of the incidents involved two students," replied Lupole. "We were unaware of this crisis until it expanded into a non-student market."

Campus Safety discovered the sound of the ring of prostitution lay in the MILE houses with the blue lights located around the campus. Inside, the housing rules do not apply because they are only lit by candlelight to "set a mood," explained Pepper Frazier, a MILE house resident. They are decorated by Late Night Cindy from Wegmans, in what she calls "the most noveau riche style with a great deal of red velvet bunting and gold lamé."

Above the staircase, there is a trapeze reminiscent of Nicole Kidman's in *Moulin Rouge*.

The blue light District is causing many problems for the city of Allentown. The College has been told about the problem with parking, but now APD thinks they know the real reason for it. The parking problems come from the non-students, says Peabody.

The Sergeant said customers are drawn to these houses of sin and debauchery. "The wine, women and song that come from these houses at all hours of the night have called for the passing out of many noise violations," Peabody continued.

Just last weekend, Allentown Police were called to 2208 Chew Street on such a noise violation. What the police found was not pretty. The four senior occupants of what the College is now calling a "blue light special" were carted off to jail on charges of soliciting and indecent exposure.

The women are facing criminal charges and expulsion. One of the occupants, who would only reveal her other name, Tawny Bandit, is quoted as saying, "Muhlenberg is expensive. I got to make tuition this way till I get my Muhlenberg Diploma!"

Blue Lights on campus are a sign of the growing prostitution ring.

Photo by Larry Flint

OFF CAMPUS

Wildwood, NJ - Hunted fugitive Osama bin Laden may be Mr. Big of terrorism, but sometimes he comes up short - as stunned eyewitnesses learned when they saw him letting it all hang out on a nude beach in Wildwood. Earlier this week, an amateur photographer snapped eye-popping shots of a buck-naked bin Laden as he sunned himself. The photographer was taking a picture of his girlfriend when she spotted him. "Bin Laden's fanatical devotion to Islam and its ultrastrict dresscode is well known - he knew the last place we'd ever look for him would be a nude beach, thousands of miles from Afghanistan," explains CIA operative Cassandra Johnson, who was dispatched to the site. Another nude tanner on the beach exclaimed, "Now we know why they call him 'Tiny'."

Allentown - The local beer distributor Pabst, located a few miles from campus, has sold its manufacturing plant to Guinness for the manufacturing of Smirnoff Ice. Thousands of free cases of leftover Pabst beer will be distributed to local college students on a first-come, first-served basis. Pabst executive Matthew P. Hendrickson explained, "We just wanted to get rid of all that beer as fast as possible. We knew that giving free beer away to college students would be the most expedient method for distribution."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	🌧	⛅
Locust Attacks	Cats and Dogs	Purple Rain
High: 140 Low: -33	High: -2K Low: -273K	High: 29 Low: 42

APD hat lost and found

By Officer Fritts
Weekly Guest Fuzz

Last Sunday night, a resident of the Tremont Apartments called in a noise complaint to the Allentown Police Department (APD). Upon responding to the scene in one of the towers, a group of Allentown Fairgrounds employees were found drinking beer from an APD officer's stolen hat.

The three male culprits would not reveal how they obtained the hat. Mike Kuhns, Larry Asher and John John were arrested for stolen property. When asked how they got the hat, Kuhns responded, "My last name's not Kuhns. It's Mehoff and my first name's Jack."

The officers who responded believe they had also interrupted a "suspicious" game of Yahtzee, but only found some dice and what they called a "cryptic scorekeeping method." "We couldn't find the game board," added Sergeant Jones.

Originally, the hat had been reported stolen from Officer Schlegel while he attempted to break up a fight between a student and an Allentown resident. The incident happened outside of Crocodile Rock on the night of the Senior 100 Days Celebration in February.

Allegedly, the student fled from the scene with the hat. Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students, had deemed the prank "sophomoric." When asked how he felt about the officers' finding, Hurd said, "I'm shocked and somewhat disappointed that this prank has moved up in the ranks. I now deem this offense as criminal." When asked to clarify himself, Hurd said he could not.

Schlegel was relieved that his hat was found, but said, "I'm sorry it had to be the townies instead of some punk kid from New Jersey."

The Yuengling-soaked hat will be replaced with a new one. The badge from the original will be transferred to the replacement cap. Currently, it is under heavy surveillance in Town Hall..

PKT pole dancing contest shocks Campus Safety

By Paula Abdul
Weekly News Writer

It all began last Thursday. Students were missing their afternoon and evening classes.

Campus Safety did not become concerned until after they had received over 300 phone calls from frantic parents looking for their children.

After many unsuccessful attempts of locating the missing students, Campus Safety headed to Seegers Union around dinnertime. Much to their surprise, they found it empty.

> *"I didn't know he could bend like that!"*
>
> A student at the Pole Dancing Contest

Puzzled at first, the officers did not know where to turn.

Under the guidance of Ken Lupole, they hopped in their vehicles and headed toward the South side of campus.

"After all, where else would the entire campus be on this Thirsty Thursday except at PKT's Pole Dancing Contest?" said Sergeant Fritts.

The line to get into PKT was backed up all the way to the Trexler Library.

The officers had to push and throw elbows just to make it past the door.

Lupole could only define the sight that they came upon as "lewd" and "uncouth."

Students and faculty alike were found swinging from the ceiling pipes and making sexual gyrations against a large metal pole.

Campus Safety even found some students wrapped up in Phi Sig's missing tug rope.

Before Lupole and his officers disbanded the contest, they allowed a winner to be chosen.

Regrettably, the Pole Dancing Contest Winner could not be reached for comment.

However, one student who voted for Dean Dretsch said, "I didn't know he could bend like that!"

Mary Lawlor and Francesa Coppa, professors in the English department, passed noise-makers out while Dr. Theodore Schick made passes at a cocktail waitress.

At press time, Campus Safety had not made a decision on punishment. However, Officer Fritts did confiscate the pole for safekeeping.

PKT brother Dan Engelberg defined the situation as "a little harmless fun." Their kleptomaniac landlord denied all charges and maintained, "At PKT, there is no drinking, no singing, no dancing. This is a respectable house."

Campus Safety ruins another life -- forever

By Dale Earnhardt
Weekly News Writer

The advent of the Boot, is Campus Safety's latest in a long line of efforts to crack down on illegal parking. Other measures include "Optional Pants Thursday for Jim Fritts" and "Target Practice for Brenda's Baby Monday." Reverence for the Boot is almost as great as it is for Campus Safety Officer Jimmy's shapely thighs.

However, there is at least one man whose life has become considerably more stressful as the Boot claims victim after immobilized victim.

John Boutsikakis is a handsome member of the class of 2004, a fine dresser and an optimist at heart. His signature smile and bright outlook, however, have recently been darkened by a pall of distress.

You see, John is affectionately known as 'Boots' by his friends and associates. The name is created from the beginning of his surname, which is wonderful and Greek.

However, confusing 'Boots' with 'The Boot,' many mistaken parking offenders have accosted John in a fit of rage.

"I get calls at all hours of the night," Boutsikakis told The Weekly, "some folks are really angry, others just swear at me, some cry. Lately, the word 'NARC' has been scrawled on my whiteboard, and a padlock is sometimes locked in the laces of my sneakers. I guess it is some sort of Hammurabic thing, an eye for an eye or something, and since I don't have a car I guess this is the best they could do. I can tell these people are distressed, but they should know that I can do nothing about their parking woes."

John was asked about his

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Campus Safety Notes

March 27 – Theft – Four boxes of tissues and three bottles of hand lotion were stolen from a Prosser Hall bathroom.

March 27 – Chronic Masturbation – A resident of Prosser Hall was caught masturbating in his room. The student was referred to the Health Center because it was his ninth offense. Other cases are being investigated throughout campus.

March 28 – Indecent Exposure / Intoxicated Student – A naked student was found passed out on the steps of President Taylor's house. When the student came to, he was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

March 30 – Vandalism – The MuleNet homepage was changed to www.hardcore-porn.com. Campus Safety believes the crime is linked to the masturbation ring around campus.

March 31 – Indecent Exposure – A student's shoelace was found untied in Seegers Union.

March 31 – Vandalism – The clock tower in the Haas College Center was tampered with. It now only rings twice a day at 4:20.

March 31 - Indecent Exposure - Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, was found wandering naked in Cedar Crest Park. No investigatory measures were taken.

April 1 - Nothing really happened.

April 2 - Suspicious Behavior - A "suspicious-looking" student eating dinner in the General's Quarters was randomly picked to be sent to the Dean of Students Office.

April 2 - Fire Alarm - The fire alarm in Martin Luther Hall went off as a result of burnt popcorn in the basement office.

April 3 - Death - A student died from loss of blood from a paper cut after waiting three hours for Campus Safety to respond. Campus Safety was referred to the Dean of Students following the funeral.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

The scene -- TGI Friday's.

Photo by Weekly Liquor Cabinet, um I mean Weekly File

After a rather bumpy landing at the restaurant, you decide to call your significant other and enjoy some Jack Daniels Chicken. When you two are together, you enter Friday's and are seated.

After ordering a vanilla Coke, you notice someone looking at your date. The person looks more and more intensely, eventually making suggestive gestures, and begins to shout.

"Hey babyyyy, why don't you come on over here?"

As the person continues yelling derogatory phrases, you become warmer and warmer. You get red in the face and begin to sweat. You feel your blood pressure rise.

All of the training in your anger management class is forgotten. You see the steak knife that accompanied your chicken and clutch it. Your knuckles turn white with your iron grip. The knife is awfully tempting, and that person's neck looks awfully inviting. What do you do? WHAT DO YOU DO??

To walk away like a normal person in civilized society and return to Haas, turn to page 13.

To plunge the knife into the person's throat like the monster you are, turn to page 11.

Forget the Mules, let's go Boners!

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we will make a fortune!

This will enable our programs to grow, and even more people will want to be on the Boner band wagon – The Bonerwagon!

I really think this might cause an uproar, especially at a conservative campus like Muhlenberg.

Man, you kids have got to stop living in the nineteen hundreds. When I was a kid boners were the coolest thing going, and they still are today. Everyone is afraid to admit it, but boners rule this world, the sooner we embrace it the better. Why, just look at academic row. *(He turned to his window)*

> *"When I was a kid boners were the coolest thing going, and they still are today."*
>
> Steve Erber

We are in the Life Sports center, you can't see Academic Row from here.

Whatever, everywhere you go, there are assertions of the penis in the classroom, in the home, in the office. Who rules? Men. Why? Boners.

Look, I hate to break it to you this way, but acceptance is important in moving on with our lives.

Once we embrace the might of boners, our society will be in a much better place, trust me.

(At this point, I was stunned and silent, thankfully, the phone rang)

'Hello...yes...oh hello, sir. How are...yes...of course... THE BONERS!...I know...I do...you know I am very loyal...I wouldn't go that far....yes but...well. Sir! Please, that's pretty drastic... Did I tell you that the uniforms have an American Flag sewn on them? Ok? Terrific.'

Well, the administration's on board!

Congratulations.

Relax, all the fun and excitement of Muhlenberg Sports will still be there, the quality of our program will only go up.

Have you seen the shaved gorillas in the new weight room? Christ almighty!

We will be unstoppable in a few years, thanks, in no small part, to the revenue generated from the new logo.

And all the staple events will be there: Homecoming, the athletic dances, and of course the Scotty Wood Tournament. Don't worry so much.

Thanks.

Hey, take a free shirt, I want to start the Boner Buzz A.S.A.P.

On the back it reads: "In Boners We Trust."

Campus cookie-monster surpasses Sesame Street

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an 'office' a couple blocks away?" said Ehrenberg.

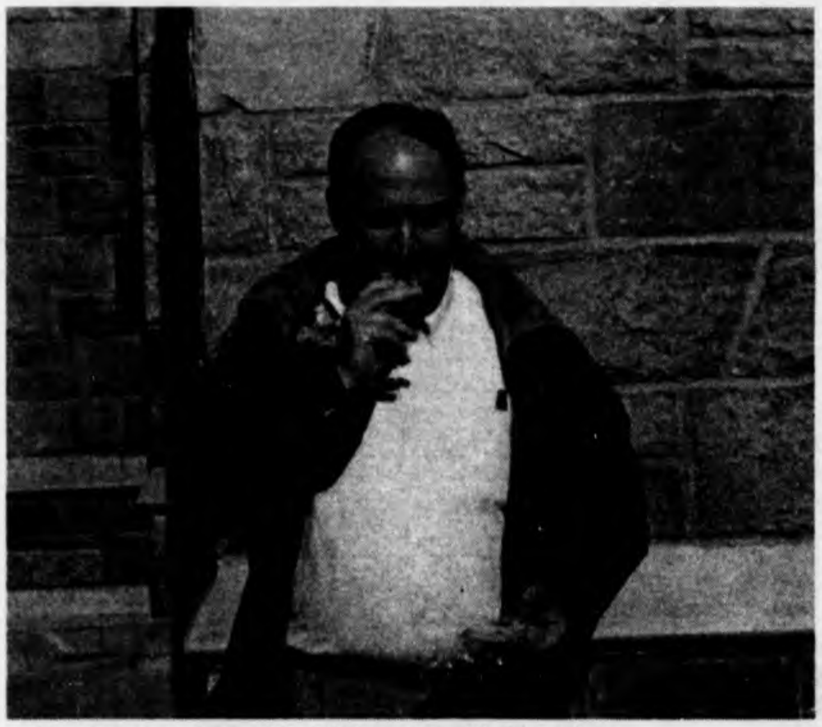
"Well that's actually why I would like to give you notice. I have decided to become a full-time baker as well as taking on a new identity as 'Bake-off-Bruckner'. All of my hopes and dreams of becoming a full-time baker and dad had to be put on hold, just to sit in that old house, and squander precious years away."

"Suck it up. Are you a mama's boy?" said Ehrenberg.

"No Sir. I am a soccer mom, and jeepers, I am proud of it!" Bruckner retorted back to him.

Since Monday, after spending his life savings and putting down a third mortgage on his home, Bruckner was finally able to purchase the $2,000 oven and have it installed into his minivan.

Just hours after the installation of the oven was finished, the van exploded because his two young daughters were playing Easy Bake Oven in the automobile, without realizing that this was a *real* oven. The kids had just left the oven on.



Bruckner snacks on his delicious "Bruckie" cookies.

Photo By Famous Amos

During an interview in the Yugo that took Bruckner and his wife to the land fill in which his destroyed van was to be placed, Buckner confirmed that there are plans in the works of suing Wood Dining Services for stealing his recipe for the cookies.

According to Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, "we believe that this is a vindictive act that holds no validity but while we're on the subject, don't you think metal grating would look sexy in Seegers Union?"

A fond nickname starts trouble for Boots

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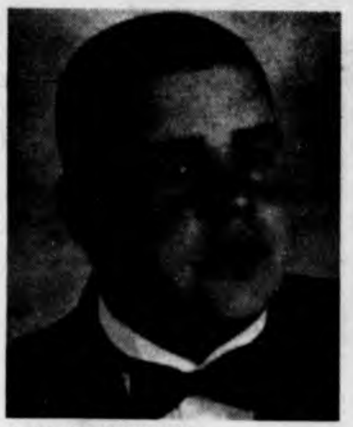
history with Campus Safety. "Let me say once and for all that my name is 'Boots' not 'The Boot.' Mr. [Officer Ken] Lupole, I am sure, is a very nice man, but in no way do I work for him by attaching myself to repeat parking offenders' wheels. It just isn't my style.

"But," he smiles, "when I was a kid in Staten Island, a bunch of guys and me would steal the hub caps off of cars in the neighborhood and pretend to make pies in them. It was a lot of fun. I put dandelions on mine, it kinda looked like parsley."



John Boutsikakis

Photo courtesy of The College's 1969 Face Book

But that was many years ago. John Boutsikakis' carefree days of dandelion pie making are over.

I asked his friend Tim Sinatra how John has changed because of all of the trouble.

"He is really broken up about it. You might be surprised to know this, but underneath the leather jacket, golf cap, and those rugged good looks, Boots -- err... John is very sensitive. He absolutely hates to see anyone upset. In fact, once in the GQ, a woman dropped her yogurt, and John just started weeping. For like ten minutes he cried; it was really weird," Sinatra said.

Weird? Maybe. A sign of empathy? Undoubtedly. John hopes that people will recognize him for the good he has done in the world, and not for his infamous and fateful connection to the tool of "justice" that has hobbled many of John's friends' cars.

"I park illegally whenever I can," asserts John, "I don't believe in personal property, let alone fining people for parking their automobiles. I find it just plain foolish," he said.

In efforts to escape the harassment from the Boot's victims, Boutsikakis has changed his phone number several times, and even considered changing his name to 'Pigs,' 'five-os,' or 'fuzzes.'

But each of these ideas has been dismissed, as John sees an odd contrivance in telling his friends to give him a new nickname.

"I think a nickname should come from your friends," Boots added.

Recently, The Weekly spoke to Ken Lupole about John, and the trouble he is having. He seemed uninterested and only became animated when asked if he would change the name of the Boot.

"Nope," stated Lupole, simply.

He claimed that the Boot was doing the best job of any Campus Safety officer on the "squad," as he called it. When this reporter alerted him to the fact that the Boot was an unthinking, unfeeling, metal device used solely to extort money from the student body, he just smiled and licked his lips.

The Weekly decided to end that portion of its investigation prematurely.

At the end of the research, The Weekly was left with nothing but questions: Can there be justice in a universe where people are not free to park where they wish?

Why would the friendly members of our campus mistake a kindhearted sophomore for a heartless piece of metal?

And why did Boots cry when that lady dropped her yogurt?

Perhaps the only resolution that we can find in this mixed-up case comes from the man at the center of the maelstrom, himself. I asked Boutsikakis for some final thoughts on his nickname conflict:

"Look, I have always been John Boutsikakis, I will always be John Boutsikakis...but my friends can always call me 'Boots.'"

Well said, Boots, well said.

WEEKLY life!

"LIFE IS NOTHING BUT A CHAIR OF BOWLIES."
-MARY ENGELBREIT

Question of the Week: *Using the letters of your first name, describe yourself.*

E: Extra-special
V: Vigilant
A: Audacity
N: Noun...no nuclear!

- Evan Jaffee

L: Lackadaisical
U: Undecided
K: Kind of unreliable
E: Extra-special, like Evan!

- Lucas Tomanelli

D: Daring
I: Inconceivably rich
C: Cool as a cucumber
K: Kickin' it just for you!

- Dick Herover

B: Bubbalicious
I: Irresistable
L: Luscious
L: Lovable
Y: Yearning for you
B: Boisterous
O: Outrageous
B: Breathtaking to look at.

-Billy Bob Brown

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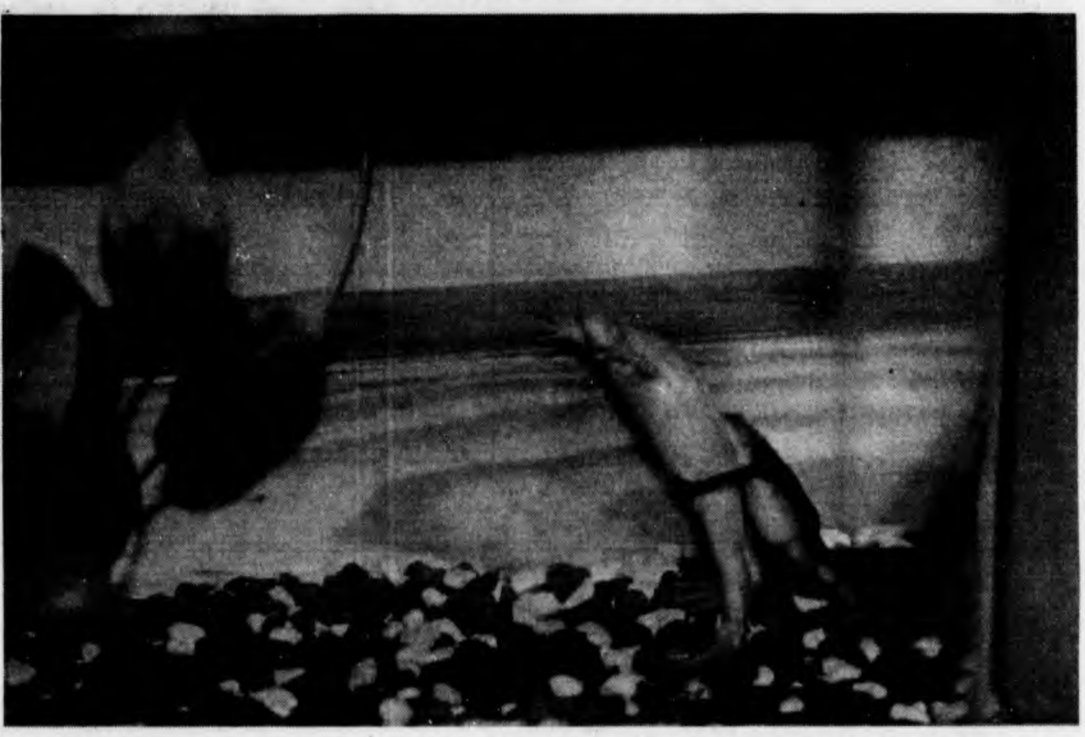
LIFE...need we say more?

A froggy get-together



Record-setting amphibians Cornelius (on top) and Dr. Zeius (assuming the bottom position) going at it for the 300th, no wait...301st time in three minutes! Will offspring result?

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WEEKLY WALL

BY ROCKY CALLAHAN
Weekly Guest Contributor

Finally, Muhlenberg College is famous for something. A world record was set last week during a Life of Organisms lecture in a Shankweiler lab. The two frogs that are pictured, Cornelius (the large one) and Dr. Zeius (the other one) copulated a record 368 times in five minutes. It is unknown as of yet if any offspring will result, thus making the endeavor a successful one.

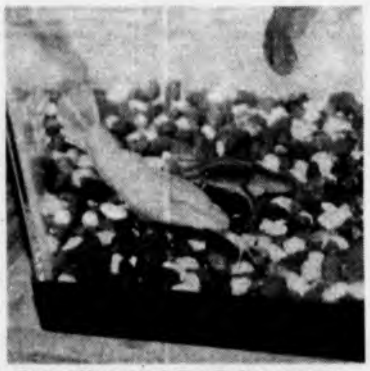
Because the number of frogs owned by the College science department must be kept under a specific amount, this has caused a predicament. If the so-called attempt resulted in more than three eggs, the college will be fined and therefore stripped of its frog-ownership rights.

One ambitious student, Rudolph Nichalbocker '03, has been working tirelessly to invent the world's first amphibian pregnancy detection kit. Not only will this invention catapult Rudolph to fame in the scientific arena, it will allow the world to keep the frog population under control.

For the time being, Cornelius and Dr. Zeius have been separated and are being contained in dead-bolted cages...there is no telling what these horny amphibians may do. For those of you curious students, the frogs will be put together in one cage for the last time on Saturday night in Moyer Forum.

Refreshments will be served and following the froggy get-together, a panel discussion will be held to discuss the ramifications of the night's events.

Any student interested in joining the discussion is welcome. Cornelius and Dr. Zeius may behave differently in front of an audience, so be warned.



Cornelius and Dr. Zeius meet for the first time in Shankweiler lab.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WEEKLY WALL

Campus Safety Note:

Choose Your Own Weekly Adventure

April 4 - Grand Theft Auto - A student was arrested on Hamilton Blvd. for the theft of a minivan belonging to Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner. The vehicle was stolen from the driveway in front of Academic Row and APD pulled the student over soon thereafter. Bruckner was quoting as saying, "I really wish this had never happened... I mean...what happened? It never happened. Muhlenberg is a caring college. Felonies don't occur here. Come to our Junior Open House!" The student was sentenced to 40 hours of community service, while listening to Styx.

Attention Eve Ensler: Muhlenberg Faculty performs the *Vagina Monologues*

By Steve Thaman
Weekly Guest Writer

Attention vagina fans: A V-day rerun is coming to campus. Due to the huge success of the recent student performances of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*, another set of productions has been scheduled. There is one major difference; this time faculty and staff members will be reading each of the different monologues.

Dean of Academic Life Carol Shiner Wilson, Director of Multicultural Life Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Celia Kam from the Garden Room, Kathryn Taylor, and last but certainly not least Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs Curtis Dretsch will all be performing on April 12, 13 and 14 in Empie Theatre.

When asked about the desire to bring back the *Vagina Monologues,* Kathryn Taylor stated, "We all saw the play and most of the faculty thought it would be wonderful to show that it's not just younger women who are concerned with feminine issues." Dean Shiner Wilson added, "We're not afraid to say vagina onstage. It's important for adolecents to see that."

Celia, for one, is definitely not afraid of being bold onstage. She will be performing the monologue entitled *My Short Skirt*. "Look at these great gams," she said, stretching a leg out in front of her. "I think women of every age should be able to wear mini skirts and be proud of how they look. I wear mine often, and I haven't gotten any complaints."

Kathryn Taylor was not as bold as Celia at first, but soon became entranced by her monologue. "At first I found the c-word to be very offensive. I still have a little trouble saying it, but I practice in front of the mirror every night. I think Arthur has become very confused by my yelling every night, but its all for the show. Practice makes perfect, you know...at least that's what Artie tells me."

> *"We're not afraid to say vagina onstage. It's important for adolecents to see that."*
> \- Dean Shiner Wilson

Dean Shiner Wilson also practices her monologue often. "I'm doing the monologue about moaning. I don't know if I can top Nicole Cerone's performance, but I'm going to do my best. It's wonderful to practice moaning. Of course, I've never actually made another woman moan, but it's an intriguing idea." Her favorite moan? The triple orgasm moan. "I actually feel I have some experience with that."

Dr. Craig performs two monologues, the first one about the women of Afghanistan, and the second about finding one's vagina.

"I really feel for these women, both the ones who are a world away, and those who surround us on a daily basis. Women all around have vaginas which are lost to them. If they only explore a little they are sure to find themselves."

As the only man performing in the Vagina Monologues, Dean Dretsch admits he was a little apprehensive going into rehearsals and wanted to back out but he forged onward.

Now Dretsch is very interested in the topic. "I'm going to be playing the woman who doesn't want to talk about her vagina. I can relate to this, because I never before was willing to discuss that area 'down there.'"

What interested Dean Dretsch the most about his monologues was, "the fact that there are floods. I never knew that. "

All you ever wanted to know about Satan but were too afraid to ask...

Satan: In God's kingdom, certain creatures are necessarily given the powers needed to perform their duties. Satan believed that his God-given powers qualified him to function as an independent god. As evidenced by the prevalence of misery, disease, accidents and war in his dominion, we now know that Satan is incompetent. The Quran clearly stated that Satan was an angel, by virtue of the immense powers and rank bestowed upon him. This is why he is addressed as an angel (2:34, 7:11, 15:29, 17:61, 18:50, 20:116, 38:71) prior to his fall. By definition, a jinn is a fallen angel (18:50). Satan's rebellion teaches us that the angels were created with minds of their own, and absolute freedom of choice (2:34).

Courtesy of the Official Satan Website

Muhlenberg's Top 5: Worst April Fool's Day jokes

5.Wrapping a rubber band around the handle of a sinks hand-spray nozzle

4.Switching the salt with the sugar in the Garden Room

3.Short sheeting your roommate's bed

2.Saran wrap the toilet seat

1.Anything having to do with dog poop

Compiled by Kelly Anne Robertson

WHAT'S HAPPENING????

Thursday, April 4

Nate Pickowicz 9pm Empie Theatre
(Nate's Farewell Show...lots of special guests)

Friday, April 5

Student Talent Show 8-9pm Empie Theatre
Ryan Kavalsky/Jerzy Jung/Chris Whyde
Amanda Schatchard/Benjamin Donson
Raven Ryan and....more

Student Band Festival 9pm-1am Empie Theatre
Rebel Saints/At This Moment/Westfall/Buddha Tribe/Dakota Dream
Pseudonym/Audioheart/Donson-Laughlin Quintet/Shirati/Ryan Kavalsky/Jerzy Jung

Saturday, April 6

WMUH Music Marathon Noon-7pm Empie Theatre
motherwell/poppy cock babble/cropduster/SPITSHINE/driver/ripe/PLANETARY

a cappella fest 7pm-???? Empie Theatre
The Dynamics/The Girls Next Door and.....more

Sunday, April 7

THE PERKULATORS 5-5:30pm Empie Theatre
come out and see the show The Perkulators performed on THE MAJESTY OF THE SEAS over spring break

The go-cart barrels down upon you and impending doom seems certain. You quickly sidestep out of its path. You breathe a sigh of relief. Continuing towards Seegers Union, you come across the minivan of the Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner.

Mischievously, you stroke your chin.

You know he leaves his keys in the passenger's side sun visor. Even if you don't find them there, you know he keeps an extra set under the wheel well of his front driver's side tire.

Also, you could use the extra money if you decide to sell the scrap metal. All that coke has taken its toll on your wallet, and why the hell did you think the men's basketball team would beat Gettysburg?

The sun glints off of the vans blue-green surface, and look! The window is wide open! That sucka.

To steal Mike Bruckner's minivan, turn to page 15.

To cut across the College Green, turn to page 4.

Fashion forward: Surprise for spring 2002

By Donna Klein
Special Weekly Guest Writer

Who needs clothes? That's the consensus for the upcoming spring season. Go naked. C'mon, you know you want to. This season the idea is...THE MORE SKIN THE BETTER! With the weather getting warmer, now is the time to leave the clothes behind. If you bust your ass in the gym, ya might as well show it off.

Clothes only function as a means to provide some type of comfort, but otherwise they usually seem to... basically just get in the way. How many times have you ruined the back of your jeans in the mud or rain? Think about it.

Wouldn't it feel great to just go out in the rain...naked...and be surrounded by other people that are naked too? How about all you girls that spot a hottie across the room and wish your clothes were tighter, shorter, non-existent...you get the point. And guys, don't be fooled by girls' naivete, they definitely DO want to see all that you have to offer.

The best part is yet to come. Without clothes, laundry is a task that can be kicked to the curb. Instead of wasting time in the laundry room trying to figure out what washing machines and dryers are working, you can be outside tanning- and no embarrassing tan-lines to hide at the end of the day. Tears, rips, runs and holes...no longer a problem. The only holes you need to worry about are your own.

If you need any motivation or inspiration when trying to implement this new fashion fad, just go down to Sig Ep on a Friday night, and look at the girls on the dance floor. If you don't feel like going to the house, just look for the people wearing nothing but one-shouldered tank tops and mini-skirts in thirty degree weather. They have the idea, so just manipulate the trend they are starting to fit your personal needs.

So the bottom line is, spring 2002 equals nudity, freedom, and the chance to show off that toned ass.

Muhlenberg's worst dressed guys

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Scott Norville '02

Someone forgot to tell him that his Boy Scout uniform does not fit anymore.

Nick Scarduzio '04

The leaves should stay in the forest unless you are Tarzan, and he is definitely not.

Jay Jensen '03

Whipped cream has lost its appeal.

Boys in overalls was, is, and will always be a no-no.

Alex Joujan '05

Photos courtesy of Harry Arms

Horrorscopes

♈ *Aries:*
WARNING: Do not fall asleep tonight. Or, go ahead...but your eyes will not open in the morning.

♉ *Taurus:*
Playing Frisbee Golf will bring you seven years of bad luck and by the last year you will die.

♊ *Gemini:*
Watch out for anything orange that crosses your path today. Implosion will result.

♋ *Cancer:*
If its raining, do not get out of bed. If you have to use the bathroom, DON'T. Stay under the covers or certain body parts will fall off.

♌ *Leo:*
Avoid any type of sexual activity this month...believe me, you don't want to know why.

♍ *Virgo:*
Do not under any circumstances go to T.G.I.Friday's. If you do - do not hit on any girls, oh, and watch out for the steak knives.

♎ *Libra:*
I know you don't remember all of what happened at Sig Ep but trust me, those are not just cold sores...get to the doctor.

♏ *Scorpio:*
That noise in your room is not just the walls creaking... thats the guy that plunged to his death after a chemistry exam and he is still not happy.

♐ *Sagittarius:*
Be careful when walking home alone at night...you never know what lurks behind those big trees.

♑ *Capricorn:*
Do not walk around with food today...the squirrels are on the prowl and they do not care how many fingers they leave you.

♒ *Aquarius:*
You never know when the last time the gym equipment was cleaned and they do not tell us about all the reported rashes.

♓ *Pisces:*
Stay away from the windows in the new dorms...they tend to shatter easily and someone could lose an eye.

Courtesy of Esmerelda

Wanna Get a Life!

Contact Joe Mama at x555

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

In your fit of rage, you grasp the steak knife and rise from your seat. You walk speedily over to the table waving the knife around frantically. The harasser doesn't know what to expect, but will find out soon enough. A nervous waiter in a red and white striped shirt, adorned with the regulation thirty-eight buttons, steps back.

"I'll kill you, mother..." you growl, as the knife is thrust into the throat of the offender. Spectators gasp all around you.

"This is better than Celebrity Boxing!" one cries gleefully.

Bloodied, you drop the knife to the ground and begin to realize the brevity of the occurrence.

Within moments, officers of the Allentown Police Department arrive, along with emergency medical personnel to care for the wounded. You feel the cold metal cuffs encircle your wrists.

You have been arrested, and following a speedy trial with a heartless jury you are sentenced to five years for assault with a deadly weapon.

The Weekly strongly suggests that you invest in soap on a rope.

"FORGIVE A FINE" DAY

APRIL 11TH AT THE LIBRARY

Do you have a video long overdue?

Do you have an Interlibrary Loan item overdue?

Have you found that book you thought you had lost?

BRING IT BACK ON APRIL 11TH AND WE'LL WAIVE YOUR FINE!

Jokes Feminists Find Funny:

Cheerleaders: Like, we're totally a varsity sport!

By Tiffany Sunshine
Senior Sports Writer

According to official College officials in the Sports Department (you know, the guys who have private offices) cheerleading will become a Varsity sport in the 2002-2003 school year.

Many believe this is a long time coming, saying, "We have waited a long time for this. Now we can go, like compete in competitions and stuff."

Right.

Anyway, the cheerleaders, or "Cheer Team" as they like to be called, have worked long and hard to achieve their Varsity status and are now parading their success to all the other "wanna-be" varsity teams.

The Perkulators were first to receive the barrage of teasing from the "Cheer Team" as the cheerleaders shouted, "Two, four, six, eight...We're varsity and you ain't."

Next to receive the taunting from the cheerleaders were the Dynamics. The Dynamics were heavily criticized for their lack of dancing ability by the Cheer Team.

When the "Cheer Team" finally made it back to thank Athletic Director Steve Erber for his support, they were shocked and somewhat humiliated to find that they were already considered a varsity sport saying, "Like, wow."

> *"Two, four, six, eight...We're varsity and you ain't."*
>
> Muhlenberg "Cheer Team"

Muhlenberg's "Cheer Team" practices their routines after being informed that they were becoming a Varsity sport next year.

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Saturday's Games

Skeet Shooting vs. the NRA
3:00 on Taylor Mall
Special Guest--Charleton Heston

Luge vs. Russia
1:00 behind the library
Bring your own Garden Room tray

Crew vs. University of Penn
2:00 in the Life Sports Center Pool
(Well, it's too short for regulation swimming, so we might as well use it for something)

Greek Week Events
Wait, we don't care.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

You walk towards Haas, crossing the driveway in front of Academic Row. You plan to rest after your long adventure on a nice park bench adjacent to the College Center. About halfway across the driveway you are struck by a speeding SUV with Vermont license plates. All you can remember, as you lay helpless on the pavement, is the vision of dancing-oriented bumper stickers as the vehicle sped away. A trickle of blood runs from your mouth and you quietly drift off into darkness.

The College will dedicate a plaque in your memory.

What? Do you think you're special or something?

The end-product of damn poor decision-making. You should know better than trust those damn SUVs.

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:Mule Minutes

Outdoor Track and Field

So, does this team even know what first place is? Duh... apparently not!

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I couldn't find any photos of the sucky track team, so I hope you like this one.
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Scoreboard

Baseball

Thurs., March 78 vs. Misericordia, 0-72.
Fri., Aug. 15 vs. York, 1-101.

Softball

Sun., March 17 vs. Susquehanna *(double-header)*, 0-a lot.

Women's Tennis

Mon., Jan. 18 vs. Kutztown, 80-1.

Women's Lacrosse

Wed., Oct. 13 vs. Widner, 0-1 (17 OT).
Sat., Dec. 25 vs. Elizabethtown, who cares.

Men's Tennis

Did they play?

online this week

life lessons... without the pain.

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learn from our mistakes.

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Facts & Figures

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The number of times members of the men's basketball team returned calls to the Weekly staff this season.

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The number of full-lengh articles the Weekly ran on the men's basketball team this season.

1

The net change in the number of men's basketball players between last semester and this semester...hmm, where did he go?

2

The number of Muhlenberg students that attended the men's basketball team playoffs.

6

The number of points mens' basketball star Mark Lesko had in the playoff game against Gettysburg. This was Lesko's season low point total.

34

The number of death threats the Weekly received regarding an article that mentioned the men's basketball team during the first semester.

57

The number of times that the men's baskeball head coach had to kiss Mark Lesko's ass for being a one-man team during the season.

Matchup between Dean Wilson and her secretaries was vicious to the end

Continued from page 16

the first bout when the competitors for the second fight were announced. Matchup #2, dubbed the "Answer your own G-ddamn Phone" fight, matched Dean Carol Shiner Wilson against not one, but both of her secretaries.

The match looked one-sided on paper, but the secretaries rose to the occasion as they came out fiesty. With their staplers in their hip holsters and Scotch tape hidden away in their pantyhose, the secretaries brought more than enough of a challenge to Dean Wilson.

Soon after the fake Haas bells chimed twice, the bout began. Dean Wilson left her corner and charged at the secretaries screaming. The secretaries, who had strategized ahead of time, did not back down. They quickly spread apart, out of Dean Wilson's wingspan.

The secretaries regrouped as Dean Wilson stopped to catch her breath after running across the pit. They then pulled out their staplers and began an open fire against their boss. Unfortunately, Dean Wilson was not in the range of the cheap office staplers and the secretaries' efforts were futile.

Rethinking their strategy, the secretaries grabbed their Scotch Tape and fashioned a makeshift rope. They each took hold of an end and ran at the Dean in an effort to clothesline her. However, before they were able to reach Dean Wilson, she tripped and fell to the ground.

The secretaries bound Dean Wilson's hands and feet with their tape and raised their staplers in triumph.

The crowd went wild with the upset. Former candidate for Student Body President Josh Brookstein was overheard comparing the fight to Rocky III (not the one against the Russian).

Now it came time for the main event, which will go down in history as "The Last Crusade." This bout featured campus religious leaders Chaplain Peter Bredlau versus Father John Krivak, both friends of Jesus C.

The fight began with a prayer, but as soon as that was over, all bets were off. Bredlau, dawning his Wisconsin Cheesehead, sprang into action before Krivak even knew what was going on.

Krivak quickly regained his composure and the bout got more intense.

All of sudden the crowd went silent as Patti Mittlemen, the leader of Hillel, burst into the ring screaming, "How come no one invited me!?!"

Krivak and Bredlau looked at each other simultaneously and asked, "WWJD?"

Neither man knew what Jesus would do in this situation, so they retreated to the corner of the pit and broke a piece of leavened bread.

As they were about to partake in the meal, Krivak suddenly realized that Protestants were not allowed to take communion with Catholics and he grabbed the bread out of Bredlau's hand.

Just as Bredlau and Krivak were about to go at it again, someone from the crowd threw Mittleman a Torah, the biggest one on campus. With all her might, Mittleman picked up the scrolls and charged at the friends of Jesus.

"Crap," Bredlau and Krivak yelled, "All we have are our pocket Bibles. We don't stand a chance."

Bredlau threw his Bible at Mittleman anyway, but she took a full swing with the scrolls and knocked it all they way across Chew Street and into the window of the Trexler Pavilion.

The match was declared a draw and so ended the First Annual Muhlenberg Celebrity Fights.

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Mark E. Mark

John Gruden was fined 1.2 million dollars for checking out the ass of umpire. There is also a subsequent lawsuit in the works accusing the ref of coming on him before the game. The authorities are currently testing. This is not the first case of this type. Bobby Knight fromerly of the Indiana Hoosiers was also questioned about possibly throwing a chair at a referee that looked at his backside. There are currently no laws on the books on this type behavior, and there likely won't be. Dr. Alton Slane is now writing a book on this subject entitled "Constitutional Law III: What to do when a Referee Looks at Your Ass."

"Ghetto Scootering" has been introduced as a low-priced alternative to, well, high-priced scootering. Creators of this product claim that it has "cutting edge techinology, without that high-priced shiny chrome stuff." They also have introduced a line of safety equipment to be worn while ghetto scootering. Remarkably, the stuff looks a lot like cardboard. Hmm...let's think about this. Is a flimsy little piece of cardboard really going to protect you? If it's coragated, maybe...otherwise, probably not.

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This woman right here was named the strongest and the scariest woman...ever! She ran really far with her big legs and pulled a tractor with her teeth. She is probably from Iceland, although she doesn't look like that chick from the Mighty Ducks movies. Wasn't she from Iceland too? Oh well. This woman attributes her widespread success in the field of whatever the hell she competes in to her alma matter--the one and only, Muhlenberg College, when she exelled in her time here as a founding member of the women's rugby team.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN WEEKLY ADVENTURE

You just couldn't resist. Brushing some cookie crumbs off the passenger seat, you grab the keys (right behind the visor as expected) and start the engine. "COME SAIL AWAY, COME SAIL AWAY, COME SAIL AWAY WITH ME," blasts from the tape deck. Damn Styx. You pop the tape out and look for something else, but the only other tape you see is by KC and the Sunshine Band. You resort to radio static.

You put the pedal to the metal and the van hits its maximum speed, 55 mph. Suddenly, you hear a siren and see flashing blue and red lights in the rearview mirror. It's the fuzz. There's nothing you can do now.

You reluctantly pull over in front of Yocco's. The hot dog king can't help you now, no matter how tasty he may be. Mmm... hot dogs. Anyway, you're under arrest. See you in Campus Safety Notes!

The most wanted vehicle on Muhlenberg's campus: Mike Bruckner's minivan

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SPORTS

Muhlenberg sports...does anyone care anyway??

Apparently Division-III means lack of interest all around

By Ed E. Jones
Senior Sports Writer

Yeah, I know it, nobody reads this sports crap, do they? I mean it's not like these kids that participate in the school's sports teams are actually "athletes," so why do we cover them? Seriously, if these people were athletes would they really be coming to a Division III school? No, they are merely high school benchwarmers that are finally getting the same attention that third graders do at recess. An actual athlete coming to Muhlenberg would be like sending a person with an I.Q. of 180 to a school for the mentally ill, it just doesn't happen.

Have you ever even been to a Muhlenberg sporting event? No, of course not 'cause who the hell cares. And by the way, where are the baseball and softball fields?

Here's something I really love, we have no swim team due to the fact that the pool is a few inches short of a regulation swimming pool. On top of this the school will not spring for an extra six inches of pool; this school has no problem spending money on grass seed, and heress the kicker... dirt. That's right, they buy dirt. You know what's under the dirt they buy? You guessed it - more dirt - thrifty huh?

I just realized something, I haven't commented on the chick's rugby team yet. What's the deal with that? All of the biggest girls on campus come together for a sole purpose: beat the crap out of one another and to let out the aggression they have toward men. But wait; can we even call these burly ladies, "women"? Or are they simply balls of estrogen? I'll leave that up to you...

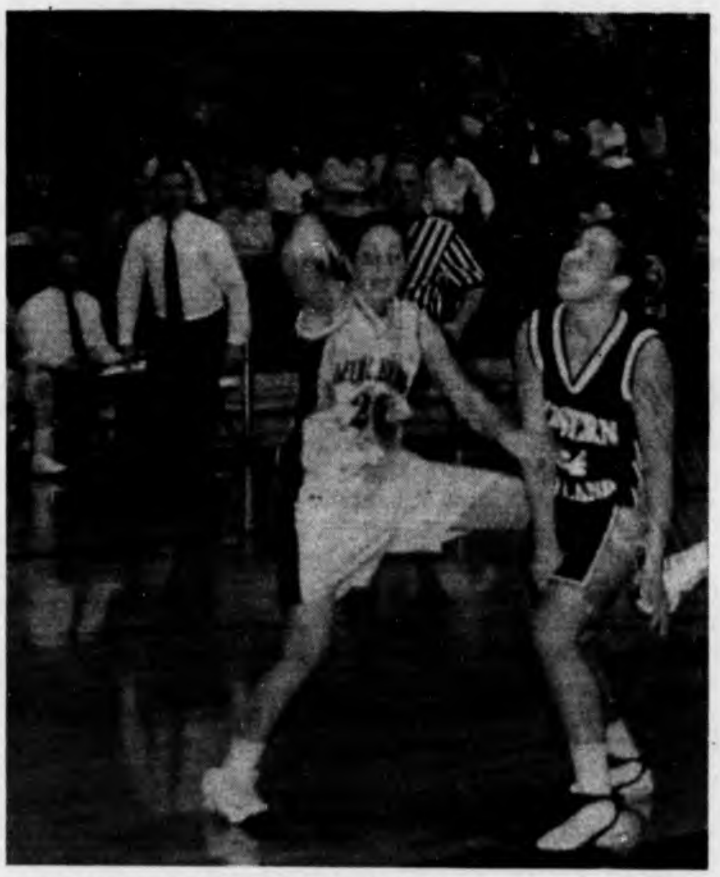
You know there is something else that's really funny. The school is planning on renovating and expanding the Life Sports Center. My question - why? The school's administrators seem to believe that a nice basketball court will draw more (well, even one), "athlete(s)" to this Division III School?

I think we all know that we didn't come here for the remarkable baseball team who found themselves two games over .500 for the first time in a decade just weeks ago. WOW! You want a freakin' cookie? Another amazing statistic: the Muhlenberg baseball team misses hitting the ball all the time? Coach Bob Macaluso was caught stating, "if all my boys hit the ball 30 percent of the time, I'd be thrilled!" What is that? Definitely not motivation!

Men's golf coach, Jeff Tipping, made a similar comment; "If the team could make par on a regular .basis we'd win the division." (Of course, he said it in that snotty accent he always uses - who does he think he is!?)

If Tiger Woods took this same approach, we would never know who the hell he was. Way to go Coach!

Lets just face it sports here suck! Maybe having an erect penis as the mascot will do us some good.


Okay when the coach is telling you to dance instead of play cause it gives you a better shot of winning... you suck!

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Muhlenberg introduces its own version of Celebrity Wrestling

Main Event to feature "The Last Crusade"

By Christian Jonah
Senior Sports Writer

In a move that startled even FoxNews, Muhlenberg College instituted its own round of Celebrity Fighting this week. The fights took place in the "greenspace" underneath the "red thing" off of Chew Street in a giant pit dug by the members of the once-present ATO fraternity.

This heavily anticipated event began with a special guest appearance from Nate Pickowicz performing on his farewell tour. Accompanying Pickowicz was Mills Lane, who danced, sang and generally entertained the crowd.

After a stunning rendition of the National Anthem preformed by the Dynamics and Destiny's Child, the festivites got underway.

The chiming of the fake noontime bells from the Haas Tower kicked off the fights, officiated by Political Science Secretary, Anitra Witkowski. The opening bout, or the brawl from third floor Haas, pitted former military boxer, and current Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg against Associate Dean, Chip "Yellowfoot" Hurd.

Ehrenberg, fresh off of knee surgery, dealt Hurd a crushing blow to the jaw just seconds into the match. Cheers rang out from the crowd as Hurd dropped to his knees. Chants of "Greek life lives," could be heard throughout the campus.

But Hurd was not to be done in so quickly...or was he? Hurd, dazed and confused, returned to his feet, only to have Ehrenberg give him a double-leg kick to the side of the head and drop him to the dirt once again.

"This new knee is the best thing to ever happen to me!" commented Ehrenberg. "I mean, I could have taken him with the old one, but it was just so much quicker this way."

Hurd was unable to comment at presstime, but it is assumed that once he is able to breathe on his own again, he will return to the College as Associate Dean. The crowd was already in a frenzy from

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DTD chapter loses College and National recognition

Fraternity says their chapter will be back

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

The College will no longer recognize the Theta Chi chapter of the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity located at the College as a result of a hazing incident that occurred earlier this semester. According to the College's Public Relations Office, the fraternity's national organization pulled the charter because of the hazing violation.

Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life, said, "Muhlenberg doesn't recognize any fraternity that isn't recognized by nationals."

DTD, which was founded as a substance-free fraternity on campus in 1998, has had a number of college violations including those related to illegal hazing and the College's alcohol policy.

According to Hurd, the fraternity's national organization will do their own investigation. Within the College, the situation will be handled through its judicial process.

Muhlenberg College President Arthur Taylor said, "This behavior was inconsistent with the culture of Muhlenberg College. This is an action against one fraternity, and in no way should it be construed as an indictment of our Greek system."

President of the College's DTD chapter, John Franzen, said, "[...] our charter is not gone. We are temporarily on break while an investigation is conducted. The chapter will be back as soon as the investigation is completed."

Letters explaining the College's action have been sent to Franzen and to the fraternity's national headquarters. The entire student body will also be informed of the College's proceedings.

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Ari Ascher '02, Pete McIntyre '04, Jared Lander '04, Will Friedman '04 and Lucas Tomenelli '04 take a break for a photo at Mitzvah Day.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

Mitzvah Day brings students to the community

BY LAUREN WIESNER
Asst. News Editor

Students donning lime green t-shirts filled the Red Door Café early Sunday evening to grab a slice of pizza after a hard day of work. They had labored throughout the Lehigh Valley for the second annual Mitzvah Day, a day of campus-wide community service. From almost 40 student organizations on campus, 350 students came together to participate in community service activities at 15 locations in the Lehigh Valley.

Early Sunday morning, students broke up into groups for an afternoon of work. Groups visited places including the 6th Street Shelter, the Lehigh River, nursing homes, campsites, the Jewish community center in Allentown, a ceme-

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Persistent drought unheeded by recent rain

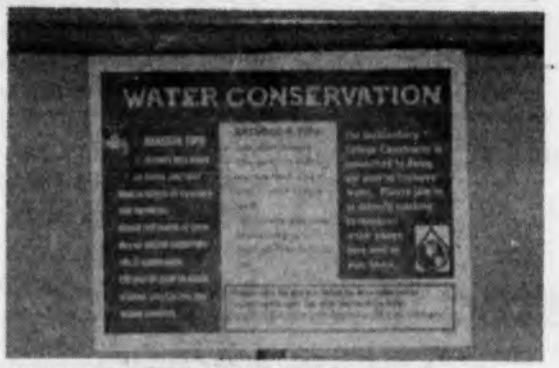
BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

The current drought plaguing Pennsylvania since the middle of February continues this week. Even with the slight rains occurring across the state, they are not enough to curb the need for water. The lack of rain has been a problem since February 12, when Governor Schweiker called a drought emergency in 24 Pennsylvania counties.

"I urge all Pennsylvanians to do their part to conserve water in every way they can," said Schweiker. "If conditions do not improve, and we do not work together to conserve water, we could face the worst drought in our state's history by spring."

Luckily, farmers in the area are not facing a problem with dried up wells or streams; however, some residential wells in Monroe County are drying up and must be redrilled to obtain an adequate water supply.

"Normally, these wells are drilled between 150 and 200 feet into the ground, but since the grounds have dried up due to the lack of rainwater, deeper wells are needed," said Mark Carmon, with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.).



Signs around campus remind students how they can conserve water.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

The D.E.P. has provided many tips as to how to save water. It suggests washing clothes and dishes only when a full load is had as well as turning the water off while brushing teeth or shaving.

Schweiker and David Hess, Secretary of the D.E.P., have set out specific guidelines for schools and colleges about saving water. Some general suggestions include increasing employee, faculty and student awareness of water conservation, conducting contests for employees and students (e.g., posters, slogans, or conservation ideas) and using budgeted amounts of water when cleaning is necessary.

For outside areas, suggestions for water conserva-

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Mitzvah Day's great success

This past Sunday, multiple organizations throughout the Muhlenberg College Campus were invited to participate in the Mitzvah Day, an annual day of community service initiated by the College's Hillel. While this event was coordinated by Hillel, the College's Jewish organization, the program was not limited to the Jewish students on campus. The turnout of this program reflected such. There were a myriad of clubs, sororities, fraternities that were involved in Mitzvah Day this past weekend. In addition, many students decided to participate on their own, outside the context of an organization. Consequently, hundreds of students arrived on this beautiful Sunday afternoon to give their time, effort and attention to helping others.

We, the Editorial Board, are extremly impressed with the outstanding turnout of this event, in addition to the College's administration and fellow students. This single event serves to illustrate Muhlenberg's new initiative as the Caring College of Character, as well as the general spirit of the College. Mitzvah Day is one of the many opportunities that students have on campus to perform acts of community service. And yet, this day was particularly significant since it demonstrated two things: our interest in helping others and our success in working together. This one event was undoubtedly a reflection of our strength in numbers. As a result of the hundreds of students that volunteered, many different organizations and people were helped. A group of students went to Sixth Street Shelter for a reading project, while other groups went to the houses of elderly people to assist them with chores and housework. All of our efforts were extremely appreciated.

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And while we only spent three to four hours during one single Sunday afternoon to help others, our efforts continued to leave their marks beyond those few hours. Muhlenberg's Hillel, in addition to those students that participated in it, should be lauded on their commitment to performing these charitable acts. While doing yard work and reading to little children may be seemingly trivial moments in our lives, the elderly woman with the manicured backyard and the child who just heard a new book will remember these moments and will deem them important.

What is your major?

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

The other day I was sitting on my bed with papers strewn all around me. There was the Muhlenberg Course Catalog, the registration worksheet and my requirement sheet, along with the master course listings for next semester. After a few moments to prepare myself, I began the task of picking my classes for next semester. The task at hand was trying to delicately balance my graduation requirements along with those needed for my specific interest. Then it hit me: I am not doing enough. I only have *one* major. My heart started to race as I thought about the majors I could add on or the minors that could contribute to my well-rounded appearance. Now, far be it from me to presume that others are not happy with just having one major to their credit, but the fact of the matter is that it is just not good enough anymore.

No longer do average college students struggle with the decision of picking a major, deciding what to do with the rest of their lives and how to go about it. Now, they struggle with so much more. In order to hold any clout it is necessary to have a triple major along with a minor that you personally concocted because it is not offered at this school. Maybe that is a bit of an exaggeration, but the basic premise holds true. In a world (or at least a country) where bigger is better and you should always have more rather then less, students are constantly being pushed to their limits. Only a short time ago it was acceptable to find one thing that you were good at and stick with it. Now, Biology majors have added Chemistry, Art majors have added Communication, and Political Science majors (such as myself) have added everything from History to Philosophy.

The point I am trying to make is not that double majoring is a bad idea, but why should students feel like it is something they have to do? If someone is highly interested in two different fields then go for it, but if not then why isn't one enough? Getting a college education is a feat in itself, but now there is added pressure to do the most possible in the shortest amount of time. Is it really worth one's time and energy to spend getting a degree that they never really wanted in the first place? Why not take an interesting art class or a philosophy class that makes you think in a new and different way, instead of using those credits towards a sociology major that you don't enjoy (sociology majors, please don't take offense)? It just seems as if people are jamming as many "titles" into their four years as possible and are too concerned about the quantity of the education (the number of majors, minors and degrees) and not the quality.

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Letters to the Editor:

Chappelle: No laughing matter

To the Editor:

Regarding Dave Chappelle's performance Saturday evening, March 23: the next time MAC brings a comedian to campus they might try finding someone who's funny. I found Dave Chappelle to be vulgar, chauvinistic, and not the least bit amusing. Let's not even waste time noting that he was incredibly stoned, that he was twenty minutes late and that he only spoke about half the time he was on stage. No, let's focus on what he actually said. While there are many terrible moments to highlight, the true nadir of the performance began at the end of the evening when he asked the audience if we'd ever have a woman president. He proceeded to tell us about a woman who spoke with him once about this issue. Affecting an annoying, nasal voice he

He was crude and very offensive... Comedians do not need to be insulting and degrading to be funny.

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Am I wasting my time?

To the Editor:

Darn! Nothing disappoints me more than to find out that I have been wasting my time. So you can imagine my dismay when I read Eric Deutch's article (What exactly is the truth?, March 21, 2002) in The Muhlenberg Weekly. After some 25 years of doing science in an attempt to gain knowledge about various biological phenomena that I was curious about, I discover that I have been going about it in "the least dependable and most problematic means of attaining the truth."

I feel like such a fool. Where did you go wrong? I look around me and see everywhere the successful application of the "knowledge" gained by science; I flip a switch and the light goes on, I turn the key and my car starts, I take some medication and I get better. Just my luck, I suppose.

But my belief that science is the

Those philosophers have suggested that science is a very good way to obtain knowledge.

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Grow some wings

Adam Sink

Weekly Guest Columnist

Not that anyone asked me for it, but here's some advice: Go abroad for a semester. So you're here, in Allentown, Pa., for about a year and a half, and gradually the proverbial Muhlenberg Bubble comes to engulf your daily existence. Not that that is a bad thing. The bubble can be both fun and comforting at times. However, enclosures make most people claustrophobic after a while, and the stench of this sphere can get a bit overpowering as well.

So around second semester of your sophomore year, right around the time the festering odor begins to penetrate even the most callous olfactory receptors, you get this thing in your mailbox asking if you want the school to burst the bubble for you. Good old Muhlenberg College says, "Hey kid, you wanna go somewhere cool for a semester or two at no extra charge?"

Now I suppose you're faced with a decision here. You can either linger here for the duration of your "pre-twenty-one years," consuming three dollar cases of carbonated bile, worrying about how long your cousin's ID will work. Or, you can split for some distant country, where the Guinness, Bass, Heinekin, Carlsberg, Negra Modello and even Sapporo flow like water even for the most prepubescent looking sixteen-year-old.

I should of course disclaim this scathing recommendation by acknowledging those extenuating circumstances that do prevent students from spending a stint away. There are obviously numerous completely legitimate reasons for not going abroad. And to these cases I say, if you have to be here, then represent appropriately.

For every student that has a real reason for not taking the opportunity, there are probably three or four that have little better to do than study, and wait in white-knuckled anticipation for the next Jamaican theme night in the Garden Room. There is more to Muhlenberg than books and Jamaican Jerk Chicken, but it doesn't take long to make the rounds and see all the sights at a school with few more than 2,000 students.

My point is simply this: When you're presented with an opportunity that has been tried, tested, and proven to produce better results than Subway's six gram of fat sandwiches, don't turn your back. At the very least investigate, and try to maintain enough motivation to do more than simply go to the introductory meeting. I know ambition has a hard time circulating in the bubble, but certain things are worth a bit of effort.

My time away was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences I have had...

Needless to say, I speak from experience. My time away was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences I have had, running a close second only to my Healthy Lifestyles class. And though I didn't take a single picture, the places, the food, and the people have all left indelible imprints on my mind.

Maybe it's just my flighty nature, but when something starts to stink, or even just become ordinary, I like to ditch it and find something new for a while. And though this strategy isn't all that effective in maintaining relationships, it certainly will provide you with a plethora of experience and perhaps even help your feet grow wings.

Coming of age in the Church

Edward Byrne

Weekly Guest Columnist

The embarrassment for the Catholic Church and its priests must be enormous, considering most major newspapers are still running updates on the front page and above the fold, but consider the embarrassment of the congregations, families, and the parents. What non-Catholics and even some Catholics are now realizing is that the mighty pedestal of priestly reverence has come crashing down, leaving a gaping wound where misplaced trust previously dwelled. On a somber note, this crisis has pierced so many people so deeply that the wound will bleed for years to come.

The scandals have left some questions about how this could happen and where the fate of the Church stands for the future. Curiously, with some of the victims alleging over thirty or fifty occurrences with the same priest, it begs the question of where the parents were while their children where being assaulted. Some probably thought

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quoted the woman telling him there would in fact be a woman president in this country.

At this point he paused to add, "She was a little dykey." The only thing more offensive than his use of the word was the sound of the audience laughing. I was shocked. Isn't Muhlenberg supposed to be a tolerant place, a caring college? Could we really be so ignorant as to find this hateful speech funny? Chappelle continued to inform us that if there were to be a woman president he "ain't votin' for that b***h." His routine was filled with backhand insults toward women. At one point he decided to tell us that it wasn't women, it was him. Oh, okay. So if I call my friend an anorexic brat who doesn't deserve to walk the earth then add, sorry, it's me, does that make it okay? Not in the least. Neither was Chappelle's performance. He was crude and very offensive, which, by the way, humor does not have to be. Comedians do not need to be insulting and degrading to be funny. Chappelle's performance was a waste of time and money. I only hope MAC did not spend too much bringing this schmuck here. Get this guy a ticket to a performance of *The Vagina Monologues* and get Jimmy Fallon to come back to Muhlenberg. I heard he was good.

-- Amy Cookson
Class of 2005

A scientific truth is attainable

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most powerful way to pursue knowledge that achieves the best approximation of thought to reality is not based on observation alone. I also have read what philosophers have said about obtaining knowledge, philosophers like Charles Peirce, Herbert Feigl, and Muhlenberg's own Ted Schick. Those philosophers have suggested that science is a very good way to obtain knowledge. Or, perhaps I misunderstood them. Here's what Feigl said: "It was be shown (through logical analysis) that the procedure of science is the only one we are certain will yield the results (reliable knowledge, that is, valid explanation and predictions) if such results can at all be achieved. Any alleged rival method -- theology, metaphysics, mysticism intuition, dialectics -- if it made any contributions at all could not be examined and appraised on any basis other than the usual inductive criteria of science. Generally, it seems that these alleged alternatives do not even aim primarily at knowledge but, like the arts, at the enrichment of experience" (Feigl, H. 1949. Naturalism and Humanism. Amer. Quarterly, 2:135-148).

If Mr. Deutch is simply suggesting that science can not determine with absolute certainty that something is true, well then, he will get no disagreement from me. I am forever telling my students not to claim that they have "proved" their hypothesis. But if he is claiming that there is a superior method of obtaining knowledge that approximates the truth as much as is humanly and technically possible, then I ask them to please let me know of this method. I do not want to waste any more time.

-- Dr. Paul T. Meier
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Weekly Discourse: US involvement in helping Israel

Are they taking the right measures or should they change their plan?

Dr. Alan Mittleman
Weekly Guest Columnist

The issue before us is the recent Israeli incursion into the Palestinian areas of the West Bank, as well as the US response to it. My position is straightforward: I approve of the Israeli action and I wish that the Bush administration's support for it were more full-throated. I fear that forcing the Israelis to withdraw prematurely, as Bush is doing, will only return us to the status quo ante with its near daily regimen of suicide bombings and terror. Although I regret the loss of life of Palestinian civilians, that is a consequence of Israel's operation, I do not see how the Israelis can uproot the "terrorist infrastructure" without surgical strikes on the main towns and refugee camps. The tragedy is that they have had to do so. It was not supposed to work out this way. A bit of history will help to put the current morass into perspective.

Before the current intifada erupted in Sept. 2000, over 90% of the Palestinian population lived under the administration of the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA was set up in 1993 under a set of agreements known as the Oslo Accords. Under Oslo, Yasser Arafat, head of the PLO and symbol extraordinaire of Palestinian national aspirations, was allowed to return from exile in Tunisia and begin to build a civil administration -- an incipient government -- in the West Bank and Gaza. The Israelis promised to withdraw their troops from these areas in phases. In exchange, Arafat would amend the PLO Covenant and drop the call for the destruction of Israel. Of equal importance, the many difficult issues between the parties would henceforth be settled by negotiation rather than violence. Through the 1990's neither side lived up completely to its obligations. Particularly egregious was the growth of a culture of martyrdom, of "suicide bombing," among the Palestinians, as well as the growth of armed militias far in excess of what Oslo permitted. In retrospect, it is now clear that while the majority of Israelis accepted a two state solution and hoped for peaceful co-existence alongside Palestine, the Palestinians -- at least the PA leadership and the extremist groups -- had other ideas.

In Aug. 2000, Arafat passed up the best deal any Israeli government could offer: control of over 90% of the territories (with compensation of additional land from Israel proper), shared sovereignty over the Temple Mount and a Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem. After Arafat rejected this as insufficient, he violated the cardinal rule of the Oslo process: no resort to violence. He unleashed a second intifada. For the past 18 months, Palestinian violence has raged unchecked against Israel, culminating in the Passover suicide bombing two weeks ago. The Israelis have been left with no option other than to counterattack their attackers.

This struggle is not about Palestinians reclaiming the territories lost in 1967. The Palestinian leadership has opted to re-fight the 1948 war. Israelis believe, correctly in my opinion, that the very existence of the State of Israel is at stake. Until a more moderate, responsible Palestinian leadership emerges, nothing more than a ceasefire is possible.

When I was in Israel last May, I got into a discussion with a Palestinian shopkeeper. He, like me, said he wanted peaceful co-existence with justice for both Jews and Arabs. I want to believe that he, not the extremists and old-guard revolutionaries, is the real voice of the Palestinians. The US needs to encourage that voice rather than continue to prop up the morally and politically bankrupt Arafat.

Allison Newman
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The suicide bombings in Israel by the Palestinian army should not interfere with the United States. Though Israel (our closest ally in the Middle East) is saying that the reason that they are fighting Palestine is to stop terrorism (because there are a lot of former Taliban people who crossed the borders), this is not the real reason for which they are fighting. They are each fighting because of their long rivalry over their land and what is rightfully theirs.

I know that Israel is saying that they are trying to help us by fighting against terrorism in Palestine, but the US's involvement in terrorism only started when New York City and Washington D.C. were attacked. Israel's involvement in terrorism has been going on ever since they became a country, and even before they were official. They have always been fighting with Palestine and they always will until they conquer them, and they are using terrorism as an excuse to try to do just that.

The history of the rivalry started in 1947 when Israel took over Palestine. In 1964, under the ruling of Yasser Arafat, Palestine decided to fight back and they declared a six-day war against Israel to reclaim their land and destroy Israel. Then Palestine lost this war and did not obtain their land. Palestine is still stuck to their claimed land of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; the rest of the land is claimed by Israel, though all of the land is owned by Israel. They are also ruled by Israel now.

In the early 1980's, Israel started to settle onto the land that is claimed by Palestine, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Then in 1987, the Palestinians became so annoyed with Israel for trying to settle onto "their" land that they launched an intifada (basically a civil war) against the Israelis. In 1993, Palestine was allowed to keep the claimed land that they live on and were even able to (with some limits from the Israeli government) self-govern themselves, though Israel still has some control over them.

In Oct. 2000, Palestine started to attack Israel in the area between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Many Israelis and Palestinians were either injured or killed. In Feb. 2001, Ariel Sharon became the Prime Minister of Israel. Once Sept. 11, 2001 took place Israel decided to take it upon themselves to pursue their own "war on terrorism." Then in 2002, there is more violence because Israel reoccupied a large part of the West Bank, which is their own land and is rightfully theirs. Israel wanted this land mainly because it contained Jerusalem.

The reasons for Israel declaring their own "war on terrorism" are that they believe that Palestine does take part in terrorism and also that they have a rivalry and it gives them another reason to fight with them. I feel that Israel is using "terrorism" as a backdrop to be able to finally take over Palestine for good.

Israel wants to take Yasser Arafat out of power and wants to obtain the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Ariel Sharon said that he wished that he had killed Yasser Arafat in 1982 when he had the chance. So I believe that he is going to try to fulfill that wish right away.

The US should stay out of Israel's way and let them fight their own fight. We must let them settle their own problems in their own ways and we must not interfere. If we meddle with Israel at this moment in time, it could elongate the amount of time that they will be fighting. I believe that if we let Israel fight Yasser Arafat on their own and they consequently kill him (or take him out of office some way) then it will give the US the chance to focus solely on the nation's problems.

The Catholic Church crisis: What will the future hold?

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there was no risk because their children were with a priest--a most trustworthy profession. Perhaps, though some parents did suspect something, but were too shocked or afraid to explore the possibility. Reasonably speaking, some parents must have known and chose not to speak up or were told not to speak up or were simply paid off to keep quiet. It is a harsh accusation, but parents could reasonably come to the conclusion that they were doing the right thing by sparing their son (and parish) the embarrassing stigma.

It will be interesting to see how this revelation affects the piping gay movement in this country. You know there will be some who will make sweeping generalizations about these molestation crimes and turn it into an issue about homosexuality. Similarly, just like many Arab-looking people are now searched many times before boarding an aircraft since Sept. 11, how will this crisis affect gay parents that are looking to adopt a child? Many bills on gay marriage, hate crime and partner benefits are pending in state legislatures and we may see them fall to the wayside in light of these assaults.

Some probably thought there was no risk because their children were with a priest -- a most trustworthy profession.

The other unfortunate byproduct of these crimes is that innocent priests will be under forced scrutiny as parishioners conduct scenes from the Salem Witch Trials at their own altars. It will become trendy to beat out your neighbor for number of times assaulted and the parish gossip will lead to who got the largest settlement. The corruption of the Church has shone through here, but the corruption of its followers has only begun to manifest.

The larger question about the Church's future is not if it will have enough priests, but rather when it will split from Rome. The Pope and his entourage have on many occasions refused to comment on this issue. Rome has left Cardinal Bernard Law (Boston), one of the most influential cardinals in the US and the epicenter for this scandal, to solve this alone. This is an American issue because of our cultural and social differences. This is also happening in Europe and that's why Rome just shrugs its shoulders at us. It would behoove Rome to offer a lending hand though, seeing that they have their hand out for heavy monetary contributions from the US Catholic Church. In fact, the largest fiscal contribution to the Church is from American Catholics. The breadth of this crisis has yet to reveal itself, but even more surprising will be the scope of the social, political, and economical repercussions that follow.

Behind the delayed campus directories

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

The College's Student Telephone Directory was delayed in its distribution this school year. These directories not only provide students' phone numbers, but also current residence, home addresses and home telephone numbers. They also give the on-campus extensions of College faculty and staff.

However, this year, many students struggled to find this information, as the books were not sent out until a few weeks into the second semester.

> *"We decided it was best to publish the directory when all information was available."*
>
> Jane Schubert

Because of many students' move either off campus, or back on campus (due to opening of the new dorms), many students' phone numbers changed.

Without the aid of the directories, many students found the search for numbers to be a hassle. Sophomore Nick Scarduzio commented, "I didn't know half my friends' numbers because they just moved off campus."

Other students weren't inconvenienced at all by the delay.

Sophomore Becca Stein stated, "Not having a phone book really wasn't a problem for me. Many of my friends stayed on campus and so I used the book we were given last year."

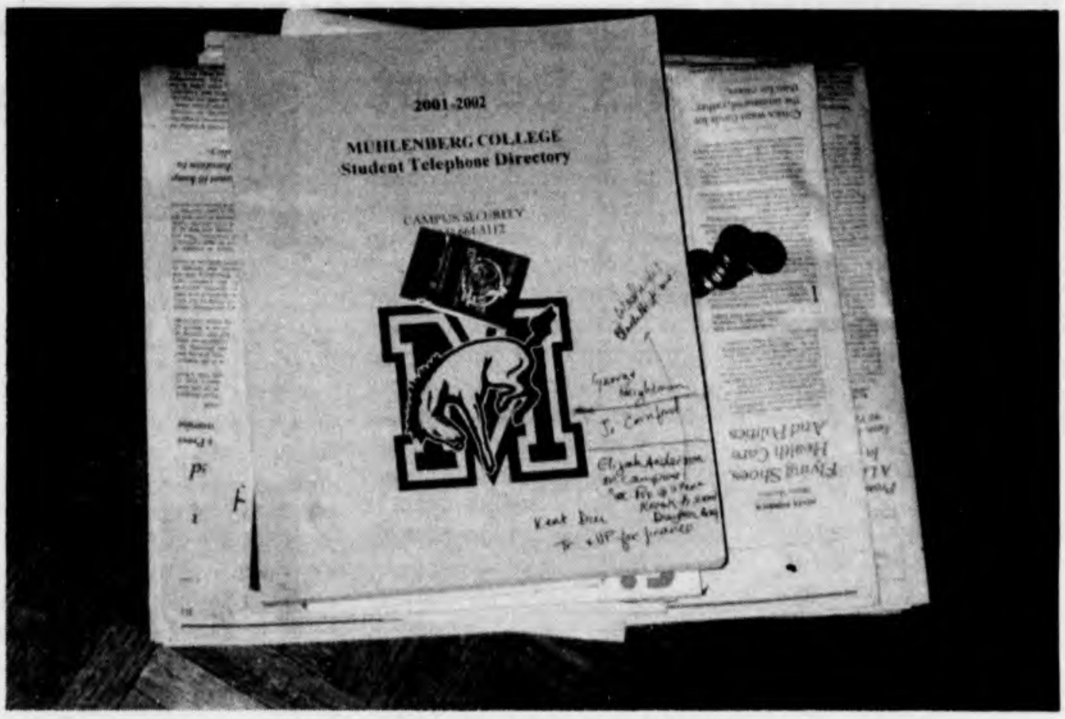
Sophomore Allison Seidman said, "I wasn't really bothered by the delay. I know most of the numbers I need. But getting the new book did make life easier."

Yet, it is the freshmen class who was probably most inconvenienced by this delay considering they didn't have the phone books from last year.

According to Ronald Meinders '05, "It was a pain to have to go online and remember everyone's full name just to get their phone number."

According to Jane Schubert, the Judicial Officer in the Dean of Students office, the phone directories were delayed because of the lack of concrete student information available. Schubert commented, "We decided it was best to publish the directory when all information was available. Should we have published the directory in the fall, it would have become obsolete in the spring semester because of the students moving into the new residence halls and the return of students from abroad."

The distribution of these directories has made life for students a little bit easier. While many people said it was a hassle to spend a semester without their trusty "blue book," nicknamed due to its pale blue cover, students may have had confusion this semester if all the student information was not accurate and complete.



The Student Telephone Directory is used frequently around campus.

Photo by Kelly Lehman

Drought continues in Pennsylvania

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tion include inventorying outdoor water use for landscaped areas, watering the landscape only when needed, removing weeds of unhealthy plants so remaining plants can benefit from the water saved, installing soil moisture overrides or timers on sprinkler systems and mulching around plants to reduce evaporation and to discourage weeds.

The College has posted signs in all of its restrooms encouraging water conservation and has blanketed the trees around campus to prevent evaporation of water from the soil.

"The most important thing to do at the college is make sure that leaks are fixed as soon as possible if there is a problem," said Carmon. "A leaky faucet can add up to many gallons of water by the end of a day."

Currently, the public water supply is at an adequate level to serve the state. With the drought emergency declared, more water is being conserved due to those who are not washing their cars or watering their lawns, and therefore, a sufficient supply of drinking water is available.

"It is when the warm weather begins, that things could become a problem," said Carmon.

Congratulations to the Nominees for The 4th Annual Henry Awards

The Henry Awards recognize great achievements on campus throughout the past year. Nominations were open to the entire campus, and with two hundred eighty nomination forms to read, a selection committee of students, faculty and administrators met to select the top three nominees and winners for each award.

Rookie of the Year
Alex Joujan, Ryan Kavalsky, Christina Liciaga

Helping Hand
Tyler Holmberg, Theresa Leinker, Kristin Tylenda

Programmer of the Year
Dave Basner, Karen Nguyen, Matt Targarona

Female Athlete of the Year
Kari Barclift, Dawn Iberer, Susan Marchiano

Male Athlete of the Year
Joshua Carter, Mark Lesko, Anthony Trimboli

Esprit de Corps
Kristin Flagg, Dave Sobotkin, Steve Soroka

Trailblazer
Nancy Grove, Evan Karp, Janaina Stanley

Published Writer of the Year
Jason Dombi, Jennifer Epting, Gabe Nathan

Event of the Year
Amnesty's Speak-out: Justice without War, Mitzvah Day, V-Day

Organization of the Year
Muhlenberg Theatre Association, Tour Guides, Women's Basketball

Dance Performance of the Year
Faculty Dance Concert, Jazz Tap Ensemble, The Perkulators

Theatrical Performance of the Year
24-hour Marathon Theatre, Here Comes Bride, Vagina Monologues

Musical Performance of the Year
Candlelight Carols, Nate Pickowicz, The Donson Project

People's Choice Student Leader
Elias Saratovsky, Devon Segel, Christopher Titze

People's Choice Support Staff
Karen Dorney, Bob Lenig, Roberto Rivera

People's Choice Management
Melissa Falk, Valerie Lane, Sam Miranda

People's Choice Faculty
Dr. Chris Borick, Dr. Chris Kovats-Bernat, Dr. John Krivak

Unsung Hero
Robyn Duda, Katie Kohler, Jen McKee

This week's 'Berg professor and alum: Dr. Chris Kovats-Bernat

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

A jar labeled "Ashes of Problem Students" may sit wittingly on the desk of Dr. Chris Kovats-Bernat of the Anthropology Department, but his welcoming disposition complements the humorous container. Almost ten years ago, in 1993, Kovats-Bernat graduated from Muhlenberg with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Anthropology. The Assistant Professor was engaged in Anthropology when the discipline was only offered as a minor. He was the only student to go on in the field of Anthropology after graduation.

On campus Kovats-Bernat was a member of the Student Ambassadors to Alumni Program, which has been renamed the Cardinal Key Society. He was the House President for East Hall, and was the Sergeant in Arms for the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The 'Berg campus was also where Kovats-Bernat met his wife, Dina, who now works in admissions at the College. "Working with Dina is nice," he said. "It seems natural since we met and were married here."

Dina Kovats-Bernat agreed, "We had so many wonderful experiences and happy memories here from our time as students, that now having the chance to make an impact on the life and experience for current students is really meaningful." She explained that they are both working and investing their time for a common goal. She thinks this is fairly unique for a married couple. The pair agrees that it is nice to occasionally meet for lunch.

Kovats-Bernat spent time doing field research in Haiti.

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Kovats-Bernat

Before returning to Muhlenberg, Kovats-Bernat attended Temple University where he earned his Masters and Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology. He taught at Temple University, Widner University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of St. Francis. He also did field work in Haiti between 1994 and 2000. "I received funding from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research to conduct field research in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where I studied political and civil violence issues among street children," said Kovats-Bernat. After political turmoil in the country, he returned to the states in search of a job. He was hired as a visiting professor at the College for the academic year 2000-2001 and was rehired as a permanent faculty member this year.

Rev. Dr. John Krivak, an Assistant Professor of Education and the Roman Catholic Chaplain at the College, has known Dr. Kovats-Bernat since high school. "Even in his high school days I sensed that he was probably one of the most gifted young men at the school [Central Catholic]," he said. Krivak said he wasn't surprised that the professor worked his way up to the Ph.D. and the faculty level.

"He is truly passionate about teaching and giving back to the community and spends a ton of time on the campus, well beyond his required hours," Mrs. Kovats-Bernat added. "Of course I'm biased, but I think he has a great rapport with students and that he's made great connections with many students on our campus."

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – Allentown Mayor Roy C. Afflerbach said this morning that he has prostate cancer and will likely undergo surgery around June 4. "The upside is it has been discovered very early," said Afflerbach, with his fiancée, Mary Anne Crawford at his side. Afflerbach, 57, said the cancer is in its earliest stage, appears to be slow growing and will neither interfere with his May 11 wedding nor a delayed honeymoon with his children planned for late July. Afflerbach said he expects to be able to run the day-to-day city from his home during his recuperation, handling almost anything that might come up with the exception of travel or his attendance at meetings.

Bethlehem – The Bethlehem Housing Authority board Monday agreed to build the Lehigh Valley's first day care center to be run by a public housing authority. But moments after the unanimous vote to start planning the day care center that could help single parents in the Marvine and Pembroke developments to get jobs, Oriana Hood told the board she's doing that. Hood said virtually all of the 82 children in her Pembroke Pee Wee's day care get government assistance and pay little or nothing to use the day care center she runs. Board member Larry Kisslinger said, "We want to complement what you are doing, not compete with you."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers
High: 59	High: 65	High: 65
Low: 36	Low: 45	Low: 47

NY Times comes to campus

By Kelly Lehman
Weekly News Editor

Students expecting a typical lecture from Charles Strum, a writer from the New York Times, received an eye-opening view of the obituary section. Strum revealed that his work for the Obituary (Obit) section did not only focus on writing obituaries for the deceased. Strum said that The Times keeps running obituaries on file for important historical figures that are alive, like Yasir Arafat. They also keep records of several jazz musicians in their late 70's and early 80's that are "about to go," according to Strum.

He is currently an "Advanced Obits" writer, or someone who writes obituaries on world figures. He left Newsday and began writing for The Times in 1979. Before writing Advanced Obits, Strum reported on violent events.

Strum covered the procedure for writing obituaries for famous historical or influential figures. He said that obituaries rarely begin on the front page of The Times, but there are exceptions to every rule. He keeps his cell phone on all the time, constantly waiting to hear that a world leader or famous entertainer is on their deathbed, or has already deceased.

Strum's lecture diverged from the Obit section to news writing and reporting in general. He said writers should give people a reason to read what a person is writing. "Truth is what you know on deadline," Strum commented.

Regarding the Sept. 11 tragedy, he said that catastrophe in the news room is "confusion at the beginning." When you have a deadline, you write whatever facts you have in front of you.

He also discussed the way The Times decides on the placement of articles. People from each section meet twice a day to discuss what their section's stories are that day. Strum called it "selling their wares," with foreign news getting the majority of front page coverage, especially in the last eight months.

He told the audience that he doesn't write his own headlines. This is the copy editor's job.

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Three Truman Scholar finalists in past four years

BY COURTNEY SESSA
Weekly News Writer

The College has had three finalists for the prestigious Harry Truman Scholarship in four years. The Truman Scholarship is a postgraduate study award in public service. Publicly funded in honor of late President Truman, the Truman Scholarship Foundation offers $30,000 for students seeking a career in public service who plan on attending graduate school beforehand.

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>
> *Kristen DiLorenzo '02*

The Foundation seeks future "change agents" who aspire to leadership positions in federal, state or local governments or in the not-for-profit and education sectors where they can influence public policies and change public programs.

Criteria for selecting Truman Scholars is rigid and intense and includes such requirements as: extensive records of public and community service, outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

Dr. Jack Gambino and Dean Carol Shiner Wilson serve as mentors to the candidates, guiding them through the application process. Gambino and Shiner Wilson always have an eye open for possible candidates, holding information sessions and orientations to better explain the scholarship opportunity.

Guidance is extremely important in obtaining the scholarship, but knowledge of it must obviously come first. At Rutgers University a student can only find out about the Scholarship through their own research.

Gambino's wife, a professor of Political Science at Lehigh University, said that she cannot remember the last time they honored a finalist. So why has Muhlenberg had four finalists in four years?

"I try to tag people at the end of their sophomore year so that they have plenty of time to think about and consider applying," Gambino said. "Once the student is completely committed I spend a considerable amount of time with the candidate, guiding them through the process. We conduct intense practice interviews not only to prepare them to their fullest but to boost their self-confidence to the fullest."

This year competition was at its peak. The average GPA for the eight hundred candidates was a 3.8. Gambino stressed that it is a great honor just to be chosen into this group (before one even becomes a finalist).

As one of their many tasks, the candidates must write out a policy statement addressed to the head of a government agency. In it, they must spell out a particular problem, make recommendations for the problem and foresee the issues that may come up as a result of the recommendations.

This year's finalist, Dave Sobotkin '03, started a program in high school for drug-free safe-havens. Sobotkin received grants to fund the program early on and it has grown as result of his hard work and community involvement. Working out of Long Island, the program now has a volunteer staff of over 150. Inspired by the program, Sobotkin wrote about revising the government's drug control policies.

Last year, Kristen DiLorenzo '02 was selected as one of the seven finalists that went to New York. "Applying for the Truman Scholarship was probably the best educational experience that I have had at [the College]," DiLorenzo said. "It was not just an academic challenge to examine problems within the public arena and to offer a solution for them; it was mostly a personal challenge to identify, specifically, what issue I am committed to and how I would shape my future to include public service in this area."

Dave Sobotkin is this year's Truman Scholar Finalist.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

Kate Bartkis '00 was the first Truman scholar winner to come from the College.

The application process forces candidates to plan out their future plans for the next five to ten years. DiLorenzo also stated that the application process does a good job itself of sorting out who genuinely has been committed to public service in the past and who will continue with it in the future.

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>
> *Dave Sobotkin '03*

Once the money is given to the winner it is up to him or her to put it to the proper schooling. The Scholarship Board must be sure that its winner is not going to use the money to earn a MBA. Candidates reap numerous benefits from the application process alone. The process allows students to clarify their goals and future plans, conduct extensive graduate school research and earn recognition in the college community.

"More important than the award itself is the process of self-exploration that comes with completing any post-graduate honors application," explained Sobotkin.

Campus Safety Notes

-April 2 – Hit and Run Accident – A student and one non-student were involved in a hit and run accident. There were no injuries. The Allentown Police Department responded.

April 2 – Motor Vehicle Accident – The rear bumper of a Campus Safety vehicle, a Chevrolet Caprice, was found damaged. The person responsible is unknown.

April 2 – Controlled Substance – A minor amount of marijuana was found in Prosser Hall. One student was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

April 2 – Trespasser/ Suspicious Person – A man was loitering in the Trexler Library, reportedly making females feel uncomfortable. The individual was identified and issued a letter of trespass.

April 2 – Solicitor – An individual was found selling magazine subscriptions in Martin Luther Hall. He was informed of the campus soliciting policy.

April 3 – Vehicle Violation – A car was found illegally parked in a handicapped parking spot on Chew Street. The owner of the car was sent through the judicial process.

April 3 – Vandalism – Trash was thrown down the main stairwell in Prosser Hall.

April 3 – Theft — $40 in cash and a sweatshirt were stolen from a coat rack in the weight room area of the Life Sports Center.

April 4 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in the apartment at 407-409 North 23rd Street because of burnt toast.

April 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student and a non-student were involved in a motor vehicle accident at 26th and Liberty Streets.

April 4 – Harassment by Communication – E-mails were received by the administration regarding a motive behind Islamic terrorism.

April 5 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at the PKT fraternity house from steam from a shower.

April 6 – Alcohol Violation – A Prosser Hall resident was found highly intoxicated in his dorm. The student was sent through the judicial process.

April 7 – Alcohol Violation – Possession of a keg was found at 428 Albright Street. Two students were sent through the judicial process.

April 7 – Vehicle Violation – A student was found speeding on Benfer Drive. The car was also going the wrong way in the one way drive. The driver was sent through the judicial process.

April 7 – Harassment – Students were harassed at the TKE fraternity house. The situation is currently under investigation.

April 7 – Injured Student – A student had an ankle injury in Prosser Hall. The student was transferred to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

April 7 – Injured Worker – An employee of the M.W. Wood Dining Services fell in Seegers Union. The employee was transferred to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

April 9 – Noise Disturbance – A student was found making loud noise in the East Quad because of an upsetting breakup. After Campus Safety responded, the student later calmed down.

College no longer recognizes DTD

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Recognition of Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity was withdrawn because of repeated violations in 2000, and its national organization removed their charter in the summer of 2000.

President Taylor said, "We are a caring, diverse community and we are promoting character. We cannot accept actions that conflict with our values and beliefs."

The fraternity's national organization headquarters was not reached for comment.

The brothers at DTD's house on Gordon and 22nd Streets will be permitted to stay until the end of the year.

PHOTO BY KELLY LEHMAN

Students help community with Mitzvah Day activities

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tery and the College's surrounding neighborhood.

At the 6th Street Shelter, five groups of four students painted five apartments.The shelter provides temporary housing to people below the poverty level that have at least one child. The temporary residents are given information to obtain their GED, parenting classes and suggestions to improve job opportunity. "Essentially, they try to give these people a starting ground to get off of," explained Christina Liciaga '05, who helped paint the apartments.

Students also launched a reading project for the children at the 6th Street Shelter. They brought in books and read to the children at the shelter, and a lending library was initiated.

The lending library is a permanent addition to the shelter. Children at 6th Street as well as kids from the neighborhood will be able to borrow books from the lending library.

ENACT members and other students spent the afternoon at the Lehigh River cleaning up litter along the river's banks.

Two groups spent time in area nursing homes visiting the elderly and a group went to a local campsite and cleaned up the camping area. A group including Sigma Phi Epsilon members spent time cleaning up the local cemetery, and three groups including Hillel members cleaned the Jewish community center in Allentown.

Some groups went out into the College's surrounding neighborhood collecting toiletries for the AIDS Outreach program in Allentown.

After sending out letters to local families in need, a group of students visited needy homes to help with yard work and chores.

To kick off the Mitzvah Day events, students met Saturday evening to watch *Pay It Forward*, a recent movie that has themes of service and helping. After their day of work, students relaxed over pizza and live music and discussed how their day went.

Mitzvah Day began last year by the work of Mindy Katz '03. "It was an idea Mindy had. She pulled off the first Mitzvah Day, and we wanted it to be campus-wide," credited Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director/Jewish Chaplain.

Katz was inspired to begin the project by Scott Fried, a frequent motivational speaker to the College. "I've always thought that community service was important. Scott Fried has an energy, and I wanted that energy to be carried on here. And it is—through the students here," explained Katz.

While last year's Mitzvah Day included Lehigh University and Lafayette College, this year's affair was exclusively a Muhlenberg event.

Attendance levels remained the same since last year, and students visited more locations throughout the area this year.

"It was lots of fun," summed up Liciaga. "It's about doing something for someone else before they ,ask you. That's what Mitzvah Day is all about."

NY Times speaker talks to students

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two English classes attended the lecture, which was sponsored by the Lectures & Forum Committee and the First-Year Seminar Program through Dean Shiner Wilson's Office of Academic Life.

The two classes involved were Dr. James Bloom's First Year Seminar Reading and the Times and Prof. Lisa Rose's Nonfiction Writing class. In order to prepare for the lecture, students read some of Strum's reporting.

According to Bloom, Strum has visited the College on a regular basis for the past four years. Later this semester he will host Bloom's class at the New York Times Headquarters in Manhattan, New York.

Strum came from a poor family in the Bronx. He said his family would read up to four daily newspapers. The writer majored in History at Dickinson College.

He periodically teaches journalism courses at Columbia University. But, Strum confessed, he never went to journalism school and said to the students, "Don't go to journalism school." What was his alternative suggestion? To get a liberal arts education at a school like Muhlenberg. He precluded another comment by saying "This sounds ridiculous," but no textbook can tell you everything about writing nonfiction. He suggested that the best way to write better nonfiction was to read and write as much as possible. His answer to what students should read to write good nonfiction was to read fiction. He reads as many novels as he can and rarely reads nonfiction.

The lecture was open to everyone at the College, although only students from Rose's and Bloom's classes attended.

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Question of the Week: *If you had to name your own planet, what would you call it?*

"Planet Hope-We-Don't-Screw-Up-Again because on our planet everyone deserves a second chance."
- Stacie Feldman '04
- Sarah Burghauser '04

"Planet Darien because I discovered it dammit and I am vain!"
- Darien De Vries '02

"NITSIRK NORTNIC because it's my name spelled backwards."
- Kristin Cintron '04

"Planet Milk because when I was asked the question I was drinking milk."
- Max Marty '05

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WMUH Music Marathon rocks

Clockwise from upper left: Spitshine, Poppy Cock Babble, Motherwell and Rick Sirota. These performers were among those who performed this past weekend at the WMUH Music Marathon.

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BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Asst. Life! Editor

It's not often that seven bands are available for the price of one, but this Saturday they were at a fraction of the price of an average ticket. The WMUH Music Marathon was a musical blend of several bands and a couple single acts playing for 7 hours in the Empie Theatre.

The event was held in order to raise money for the radio station as well as the bands who performed. Chief organizers of the event included Chris Staehle '04, WMUH Music Director, and Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities.

The bands that played were local groups from the Allentown and Philidephia areas. Included in the lineup were Motherwell, Poppy Cock Babble, Rick Sirota, Cropduster, Slightly Ripe, Driver, Spitshine and Tragik. Each performer played for about an hour long set. The bands had CDs, T-shirts and other various merchandise for sale outside of Empie Theatre where radio station members greeted those in attendence.

Many of the groups who performed have been interviewed on WMUH. There was a mix of music from the rich blend of guitars of the five-man band, Motherwell, to the warm vocals of Allentown singer-songwriter Rick Sirota. Two local four-person rock groups, Spitshine and Poppy Cock Babble, also added to the mix.

A modest crowd flowed in and out of the theatre throughout the Marathon, but those who did attend applauded loudly.

WMUH's website stated that all volunteers, performers and bands "went above the call of duty to provide all who attended with a great musical experience."

The station did not raise as much as they had hoped, but spirits are still high. According to the station's website, "While we didn't make much money...okay, but we pretty much broke even, we still made new friends, heard some new music and made something happen. We figure it's better to try to make something happen than sit around and say, 'Nothing happens around here.'"

Dave Chappelle comes to Muhlenberg

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

More than half of the school gathered on April 22, 2002, to form a mass of people in Memorial Hall waiting for the arrival of one of the very funniest comedians of our generation. To thunderous applause, Hollywood star and comedian Dave Chappelle strolled casually into the spotlight to address the masses before him. Undoubtedly, Chappelle had little to no routine prepared. Het let the sexual commentary and college-stereotyped jokes roll off of his tongue like water. The popular comic's failed jokes were nonchalantly dismissed as he was well received over all.

Dave Chappelle is no stranger to today's youth comedic appeal. For years, Chappelle has studded Hollywood with his small cameo rolls as punks or annoyances in such movies as *Blue Streak,* starring Martin Lawrence, and the re-make of Jerry Lewis's old classic romantic comedy, *The Nutty Professor,* starring Eddie Murphy. He's also taken roles in *Joe's Apartment,* starring Jerry O'Connell, and *200 Cigarettes*. The most favored of his roles, however, have been his portrayls of Robin Hood's cool and know-it-all sidekick Achoo, in Mel Brooks' early nineties spoof *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*. He also played Thurgood in the very popular film about the wonders and potency of marijuana, *Half Baked*. He's also found his stand-up home outside of Hollywood in numerous HBO promotions and specials that have been huge successes on cable television and in video sales.

Chappelle's style was enhanced by a slow, relaxed drawl and his jokes were obviously improvised, at times in poor taste. Much of his show was supported by jokes about the female and male anatomy, which understandably occupies the minds of college students more than any other age, and thus his subject matter was certainly applicable to audience at hand. Much of the show consisted of Chappelle laughing himself silly at his comments on drugs and the "grape drink" he had growing up instead of the wondrous and amazingly celestial "grape juice" the rest of the world was privileged enough to drink. His commentary on sex with monkeys, child memories and the prevalent drugs in the college scene were entertaining and witty, yet much of his show was controversially spotted with heavy toilet humor and jokes done in poor sexual taste. His jokes were just hit or miss when it came to laughs.

When chatting with Chappelle after his show, he noted that the best part of his stand-up is that he just cracks himself up, and that stand-up is one of his favorite mediums for which to evoke his comedic talent. In *The Nutty*

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Mitzvah Day 2002

Helpful students volunteer to help clean up at the Lehigh River.

Crystal Smart '05 makes bookmarks with children from San Martin de Porres Church.

Students dig-in and help beautify the land outside the Jewish Community Center.

Photos Courtesy of Justin Deutsch

Nate Pickowicz's final concert packs Empie Theatre

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Nate's final concert was packed with fans; all are sorry to see him go.

Photo courtesy of The Weekly File

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

Nate Pickowicz performed for the final time at Muhlenberg Thursday evening at 9 p.m. in the Empie Theatre.

The patient crowd of students, faculty and family members nearly filled the entire theater. They were quickly quieted as the lights dimmed and a blue spotlight was projected on the closed curtains. Soft piano music drifted from beneath the curtains. The heavy cloth slowly and dramatically peeled apart to reveal Nate clad in jeans and a checkered button-up short sleeved shirt, bathed in blue light. The audience clapped in excitement expecting a concert much like his others, as Nate appeared on stage. He surprised the listeners instead when during his first cover song, "In the Air Tonight," he was joined by guitarist John Franzen '03, bass player Matt McGlaughlin '04 and drummer Mike Fraclose '04.

Throughout the evening, Nate played thirteen different songs, some of which were cover songs, others those that he composed on his own. Despite the large crowd, Nate maintained an intimate setting by casually speaking to his audience. "How are you guys doing tonight?" Nate asked before performing his third song. "This is the last hurrah but we'll make it good."

About halfway through the show, Nate demonstrated both his musical talent and diversity by leaving the piano and picking up a guitar. Standing in front of a microphone and strumming a few of the chords to his song "Innocence," Nate explained, "I just picked up the guitar in the past year in a half." Despite his inexperience with the guitar, Nate played two of his own songs flawlessly.

Once again deviating from the typical structure of his concerts, Nate had three singers join him and the rest of his band. Saraswati Iobst '02 and Elizabeth Einhorn '05 stood at the side of the stage while Adria Froehlich '02, carrying a microphone in her hands, walked towards the piano. After being introduced to the audience by Nate, Adria sang a powerful rendition of "Building a Mystery" by Sarah McLaughlin.

Following Adria's performance, Nate played two of his own songs, "Ain't Gonna Learn" and "Girl's Best Friend," which is a favorite among his listeners. His encore songs were "This is the Time" by Billy Joel and Elton John's "Crocodile Rock," Nate commented, "The greatest honor of all my life is playing with these guys and I'm not even kidding." As the music faded and Nate bowed, he left his audience applauding for what he modestly named "the last hurrah."

Fashion Forward:

By Cheryl Wortzel
Co-Life! Editor

Denim is the metal of the fashion world. It is the staple that holds your wardrobe together, the material around which you build your day's ensemble. Interestingly though, denim is also used as a way to mark or shape your individuality. Think about it. You could go outside and walk down Academic Row, and unquestionably most of the people you'll see will be wearing denim in some form or another, whether it be jeans, a skirt, a jacket, shirt, *etc*. It is rare, however, that you'll see a group of people donning identical denim.

Jeans can be hemmed, cut, drawn on, decorated, torn and best of all worn more than once before washing. There are an endless amount of styles of jeans available, enabling almost every single student at Muhlenberg to wear a completely different pair. Jeans can be worn any season -- some people wear stretchy jeans skiing, under their ski pants; others wear light denim jeans to the beach over their bathing suits.

Without jeans, what would your daily wardrobe be? Where would The Gap and Levi-Strauss be? Where would we as a society be? To go out on a Friday night, the majority of us invariably reach for our favorite pair of jeans -- those jeans we know we look hot in, the pair that fits just right and will never fail us. To get to class on time, we throw on the first pair of jeans we see and jet out the door. Inherent in jeans, and in the wider scope of denim, there is comfort, security and the assurance that everyone will be wearing them only in some different form. This way we are different, but not too different.

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Angels - Supernatural, celestial beings, angels serve as the means of revelation and as instruments by which God governs the world. In both Christianity and Judaism, angels serve as messengers and holy ones. In Christianity, angels also bear witness to the acts of salvation, bring healing and destruction, and offer worship to God.

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Muhlenberg's Top 5:

Reasons Why Students Choose Muhlenberg

5. Fine dining

4. Affordable tuition

3. Attractive architecture

2. Excess parking

1. Location, location, location

Compiled by Kelly Anne Robertson

Sing Fling 2002

A singer from Cornell University performs "Like a Prayer" by Madonna.

The Girls Next Door sang for a very receptive crowd.

The comedy troupe Some Things Have to Be Done hosted the night's events and entertained between sets.

The Penn State Harmonics not only sang, but danced as well.

Photos by Ben Patton

Time Flies takes off

By Amanda Phillips
Assist. Life! Editor

Mayflies. While certainly not the world's most lovable creature, they had a peculiar charm in this weekend's Blackbox prodcution of *Time Flies*. If a bug were ever entertaining and affectionate, it was in this show.

Time Flies is based on two mayflies who swiftly fall for each other. Their attraction is only complicated when they learn that they, like all mayflies, will die before the day is out, as these insects only live one day. The very goal of their existence is to breed, and this naturally upsets the two young lovers.

Horace, wittily played by Tim Gross '05, and May, who was brought to life by Sarah Hutchison '04, made for a very comical but sweet couple onstage.

The bearer of bad news, Sir David Attenborough, was played by Andy Blinder '05. Attenborough is a nature show host who observes the pair and informs them that they are most likely going to die by morning.

The show was directed by Audrey Neddermann '04 and was an extremely successful first-time drama for her. Stage manager Annabelle Meunier '04 and a sound and lighting crew rounded out the production team.

Time Flies proved to be very comical and popular. Ever performance attracted a full house, and audiences left laughing and having been entertained by the one act show.

Dave Chapelle

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Professor, Chappelle played a stand-up comic in two pivotal scenes in the movie, and because of his role in the film, Chappelle feels that pseudo-comedian Reggie Warrington was his favorite role among all of his to perform. Even though movies put money in his pocket and great directors like Mel Brooks entertain him to no end, Chappelle feels most at home in front of crowds doing his stand-up routine. With his self-proclaimed "weird and obscure sense of humor," Chappelle wisely stated that "Stand-up is the purest part of the business." Ironically, his stand-up is astoundingly far from pure.

horoscopes

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♈ **Aries**: Stick with it. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something — especially when in your heart, you know that you can!

♉ **Taurus**: You're in a big hurry to grow up, but there are still people who you have to listen to. Following the rules can be a drag, but sometimes they're there for a good purpose.

♊ **Gemini**: Prepare to meet someone who is unlike anyone you've ever met before. This new feeling might be overwhelming at first, but eventually you'll start to like it.

♋ **Cancer**: You can't believe that you're pouring your heart out to your parents and they don't even seem to care. Give them some time to come around to your way of thinking.

♌ **Leo**: Nothing lasts forever, Leo. If you want to stay content, you have to learn to roll with the waves and take the changes that are happening in stride.

♍ **Virgo**: Forget about the way you did things yesterday. Today is a new day, and there are different things to try and new methods that need to be tested.

♎ **Libra**: The people you weren't getting along with yesterday seem like your best friends today. See, you really can get along with anyone if you try hard enough.

♏ **Scorpio**: One of your parents or an older brother or sister might be giving you some grief, but try not to take it personally. They're probably just having a bad day, Scorp.

♐ **Sagittarius**: If you're trying to impress someone, this is a great day to do it. Do what you do best — sing, skateboard, draw or whatever — right in front of them, and they won't have any choice but to notice you.

♑ **Capricorn**: It's never too early to start thinking about what you might want to do in the future.

♒ **Aquarius**: If you've got a good idea, tell someone about it. If it's good enough, you might even be able to make some money from it!

♓ **Pisces**: Daydreaming is the only thing you're interested in today, but there are other things to do as well. Pay attention in class and let your mind wander at lunch or in study hall.

life! movie listings

AMC

Changing Lanes
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Sweetest Thing
Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

The Rookie
Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 12:45, 4:00, 7:00

Ice Age
Fri. 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20

High Crimes
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Big Trouble
Fri.-Sat. 7:10, 9:20
Sun. 7:10

The Panic Room
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
Fri. 4:10
Sat.-Sun. 1:10, 4:10

Blade 2: Bloodhunt
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

What's Happening????

4/11 9pm Dave Basner's stand-up comedy show in the Red Door

4/12 9pm- 10:30pm~ Comedy Improv Group, "The Have Nots" in the Red Door

ALSO..... SINGLED OUT and dance party with DJ Ep from 11pm-3am in the Red Door Maybe a Chance to Meet a Significant Other????

4/13 9pm-1am~ Red Door bands:
"Dakota Dream"
"Hidden in Plain View"
"Digger"

ALSO.... Wax Hands from 10pm-2am in the Student Union Lobby!!!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY (Sunday, April 14, 2002)

9:00am-5:00pm	Registration & Information Table	Student Union Lobby
9:30-10:00am	Trolley Tour of Campus	Front of Student Union
10:00am-5:00pm	Art Exhibit (no charge)	Martin Art Gallery
10:30am-Noon	Brunch with President & Mrs. Taylor	Garden Room
11:00am	President Taylor's Presentation	Garden Room
Noon	Hillel Bagel Brunch	Hillel House
Noon-12:30pm	Trolley Tour of Campus	Front of Student Union
Noon-1pm	Dr. Ed Baldrige "History of Muhlenberg"	Moyer 109
Noon-1pm	Professor Susan Kahlenberg & Professor Susan Leggett "How Age & Gender are Portrayed on TV"	Moyer 209
Noon-6:00pm	Free Chocolate Dipping Free Photo Buttons Free "What's In a Last Name"	Student Union Lobby
Noon-6:00 pm	Student Performances Noon-12:30pm DYNAMICS (a cappella) 1:30-2:00pm THE DONSON/LAUGHLIN JAZZ QUINTET 2:15-2:45pm LAUREN STEIN (hand signing to music) 3:00-3:30pm RYAN KAVALSKY (piano) 4:30-5:00pm JOSH SALZMAN (piano) 5:15-5:45pm THE GIRLS NEXT DOOR (a cappella)	Student Union Lobby
1:00pm	Men's Tennis vs. Stevens Tech	Tennis Courts
1:00pm	Chapel Service	Chapel
2:15-2:45pm	The Chamber Singers	Chapel
2:30-3:30pm	Professor James Jackson "Psychology of Aging"	Moyer 109
3:30-5:00pm	The Ron Odrich Jazz Quartet	Red Door
4:00pm	Young People's Philharmonic Concert ($5 at the door)	Empie Theatre
5:00-5:30pm	Trolley Tour of Campus	Front of Student Union

***Please note:** Our traditional Sunday Brunch for Students not participating in Grandparents' Day will be served in the Red Door.*

Softball streaks to eigth consecutive win

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enth, when Sarno singled to lead off the inning. Best sacrificed again, moving Sarno to second base. Then the Mules got a hit from Berg, and a walk from Woods and the bases were loaded. Sophomore Jaclyn Masner delivered the game winning hit this time, singling to left field. The hit scored Sarno from third to give the Mules the 2-1 victory. "We played really well on Saturday. To win both of those games in the last inning was real big," commented Gibbs. "It really helps our confidence level and everything."

The Mules, who have been plagued with injuries this season, are adjusting to having defensive players out of position and adding new players as the season progresses. The injuries are "very frustrating," said Gibbs. "But the team is pulling together and overcoming adversity. We're hanging in."

The Mules' next Conference match up takes place Saturday at Washington College. The Mules face Moravian in a rescheduled game on Tuesday.

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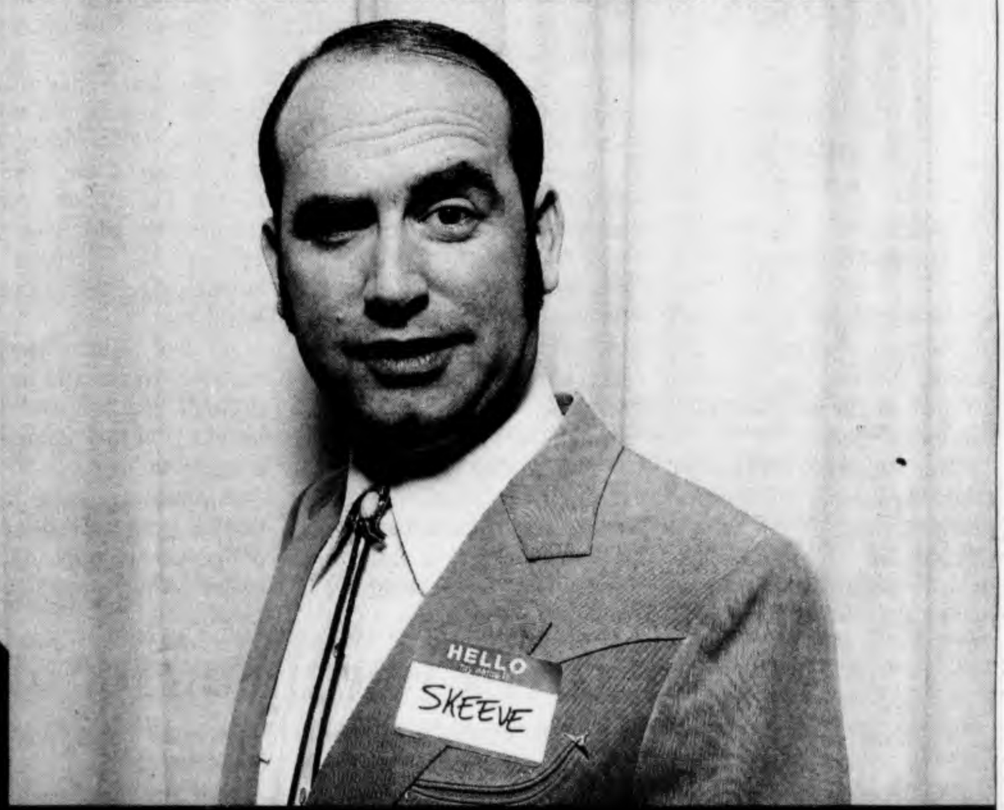

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:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Women's Tennis

Wed., April 3, the Mules blanked Ursinus, 9-0.

The Muhlenberg women's tennis team continued its hot streak, shutting out Ursinus, 9-0, to remain undefeated for the spring season.

The Mules are off to a 6-0 start, the second-best in program history. With a 4-0 Centennial Conference record, they are the only team in the CC without a league loss this year. Dickinson entered the day 1-0 in the CC but dropped a 6-3 decision to Johns Hopkins.

Against Ursinus, Muhlenberg lost only three games in the three doubles matches and 16 games in the six singles matches.

Sophomore Sarah Niebler didn't lose any games, winning 8-0 at No. 3 doubles and 6-0, 6-0 and No. 5 singles to run her combined record for the season to a perfect 12-0. In spring dual matches, she has winning streaks of 15 straight in singles and 10 straight in doubles.

The Mules have won 11 straight matches on their home courts, but have only two remaining home matches. Their next five scheduled CC matches are all away.

Men's Golf

Wed., April 3, the Mules blanked Ursinus, 9-0.

Snow flurries and temperatures in the 40s did not prevent the Muhlenberg men's golf team from finishing fourth out of 18 complete teams at the Moravian Spring Invitational, held at Southmoore Golf Course in Bath, Pa.

All five Mule golfers shot between an 80 and an 83 in difficult conditions that saw only 12 of 89 competitors score in the 70s.

Sophomore Jesse Neider tied for 13th place with a score of 80, this was only one stroke better than senior Rich Jacobs.

Sophomore Sarah Niebler sets in preperation to return a volly.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Greek week: Fun for all those involved

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His fraternity brother, John Boutsakakis echoed Gross's feelings saying, "It's been a healthy first day." Like her male counterparts, Amy Romm, an Alpha Chi sister, was quite positive in her opinion of her first Greek Week. "I think Greek Week is really a lot of fun, there is at times a little negativity, but that comes with the territory of competition," she stated.

Boutsakakis and Romm mentioned other benefits of Greek Week.

"For the most part, Greek Week accomplishes what the Greek system is intended to do which is unite sororities and fraternities and inspire their team spirit," explained Romm.

Boutsakakis went on to say "I think Greek Week will be a great week for the school and Greek life on campus. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of a better student-college relationship on this campus after the school shows how responsible all the fraternities and sororities are."

"I encourage everyone to attend some of the Greek Week events," commented Hurd.

GREEK WEEK 2002

FRATERNITIES

THURSDAY
Ultimate (finals)
6:30-7:15
Kern Field
Pool
8:30-10:00
TKE

FRIDAY
Frisbee Golf
4:30-5:30
Back of Chapel
Volleyball
6:30-9:00
Memorial Hall
Bowling
10:00-11:30

SATURDAY
Softball
12:30-3:00
Kern Field
Foosball
4:00-5:00
Sig Ep

SUNDAY
Mini Golf
12:30-2:30
Softball
2:30-6:00
Kern Field
Darts
7:30-8:30
PKT

MONDAY
Sumo Wrestling
4:45-5:30
Library Lawn
Arm Wrestling
5:30-6:30
Library Lawn

TUESDAY
Tire Toss
5:30-6:30
Library Lawn
Tug
6:30-7:15
Library Lawn

SORORITIES

THURSDAY
Tennis
5:45
Tennis Courts
Volleyball
7:30
Field House

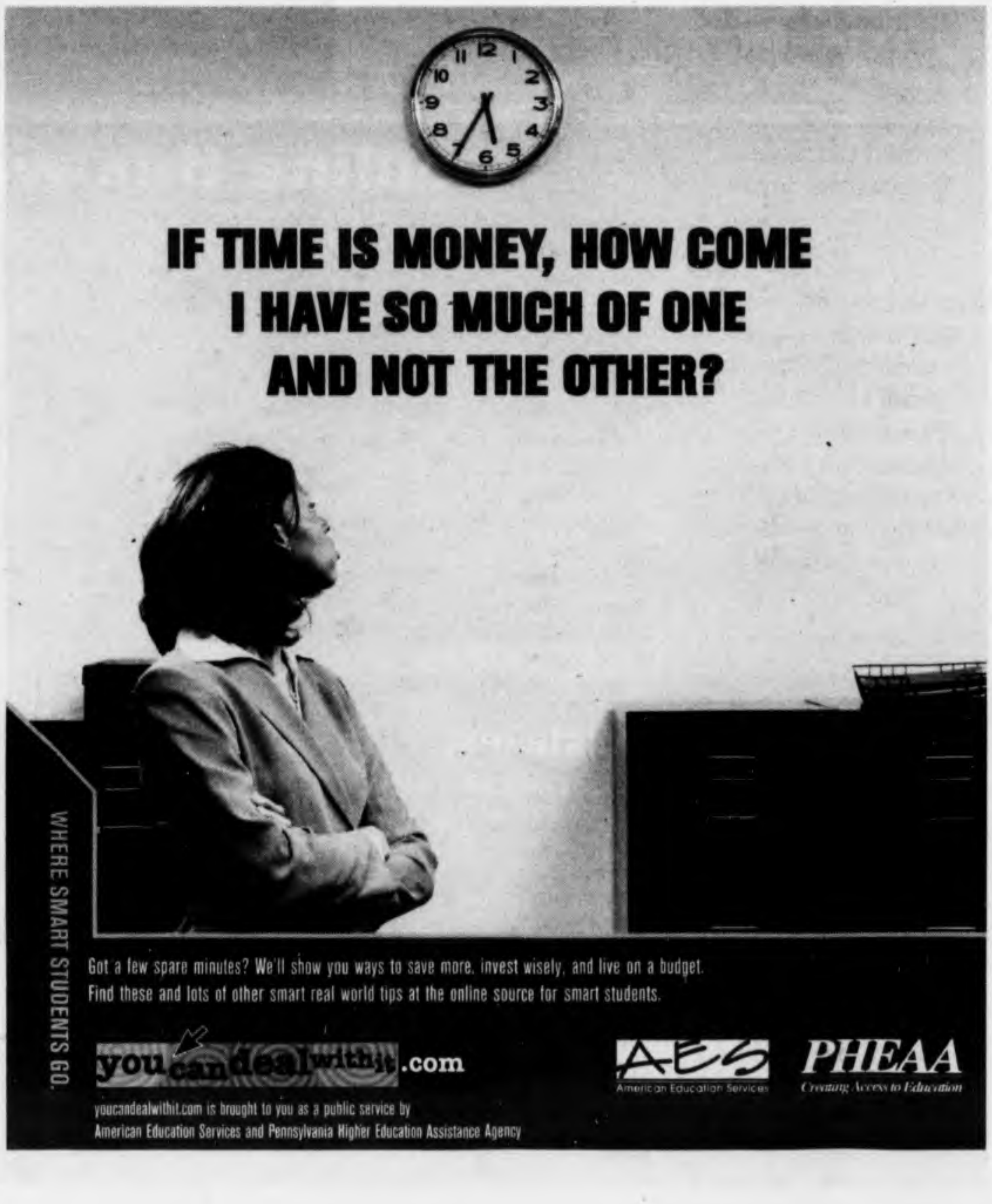
FRIDAY
Floor Hockey
5:00
Field House
Soccer
8:00
Turf
Bowling
10:00
Rose Bowl

SATURDAY
Floor Hockey
12:00
Field House
3-legged race
2:30
Outdoor Track
Softball
4:00
Kern Field
Volleyball
6:30
Field House

SUNDAY
Softball
5:00
Kern Field
Soccer
3:00
Turf

MONDAY
Softball
5:00
Kern Field
Lip Sync
10:00
Empie Theater

TUESDAY
Soccer
5:00
Turf
Tug
7:00



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Facts & Figures

1

Number of times women's tennis has beaten F&M in the past eleven years. The Mules defeated the Diplomats, 7-2 on Tuesday.

3

The number of victories the men's tennis team has in the Conference. They are one of two undefeated teams left in the CC.

4

The number of earned runs Sophomore Danielle DeLucia has given up in her last seven starts.

5

The number of men's golfers that shot between 80 and 83 on Friday. The scores earned the Mules a fourth place finish.

12

The number of years the 4x100 women's relay record had stood prior to Saturday. Freshmen Carolyn Schoen, Amy Ratner, Katie Macomber and Ashlie Hankee broke the record with a time of 52.40.

15

The number of wins the baseball team has. The team is four games over .500 for the first time since 1982.

23

The number of saves Freshman women's lacrosse goalie Diana Bleakley recorded in a win over local rival Cedar Crest.

Tough loss for women's lacrosse

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Writer

After winning against local rival Cedar Crest and then earning its first Centennial Conference victory of the season last week, the women's lacrosse team dropped a heartbreaking game against Haverford on Saturday.

Against Cedar Crest, the Mules looked sharp as four players scored three goals apiece leading the team to a 13-8 victory against the local team. Junior Lynsey Caldwell was also impressive offensively as she had an assist, the 38th of her career, which put her first on the all-time assist list.

Junior Maura Crossen looks to make a pass to one of her teammates.
Photo by Scott Swartz

Senior Teresa Lunardi, Junior Sarah Bowman and Freshmen Christa Carlstrand and Amy Lanning each scored three goals.

This gave the Mules their first quadruple hat trick in more than four years and it was the first hat trick for Carlstrand and Lanning. Fellow Freshman Dayna McCarthy scored the other Mule goal. McCarthy also had an assist.

The Mules extended their winning streak to two games two days later playing at home on the turf against Bryn Mawr. The victory gave the team its first Conference win of the season.

The Mules, led by Bowman's career-high five goals and Caldwell's career 100th point, scored a season-high 16 goals against Bryn Mawr. Caldwell is just the sixth player in team history to reach this milestone.

The Mules attacked Bryn Mawr early, as they took 22 shots in the first half and converted just less than half, posting 10 goals. Although the Mules trailed, 1-2 two minutes into the game, they rattled off seven unanswered goals to take control of the game.

Carlstrand and Lunardi each added hat tricks to Bowman's five goals. This marked the second consecutive game that all three players have scored over three goals.

The lacrosse team's winning streaked ended at two games, however, as they fell to Conference rival Haverford on Saturday.

The Mules trailed by five goals at the half, 8-3, but they rallied back from 10-4 in the second half. Carlstrand tied the game with just over four minutes left to play, but the Fords responded two minutes later with the game-winning goal. This loss was the Mules' third one-goal loss of the season.

Lunardi and Bowman each had hat tricks, while Caldwell posted three assists for the second straight game.

Bleakley, who was named the ECAC Division III Southern goaltender of the week, added 19 saves to her season total.

Bleakley leads the Conference in saves per game and save percentage.

The women's lacrosse team has its next three games on the road, beginning today.

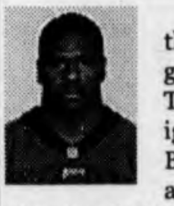
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

A year ago, they were in the Eastern Conference finals. Two months ago, they were in first place in the Midwest Division. Now, the bickering Milwaukee Bucks are in danger of dropping out of the playoff picture altogether. "This team is not ready. It's obvious we're living off last year," Bucks forward Anthony Mason said after Milwaukee lost its ninth straight road game, 89-87 Sunday to the Philadelphia 76ers. "Other teams are making adjustments, and this team is not smart enough to realize that," Mason said. The derogatory statements were only the latest from Mason in a season in which he has not been shy about expressing his opinion.

The struggling Philadelphia Flyers let another chance to move even closer to the top of the Eastern Conference slip away. Florida's Pierre Dagenais scored his second goal of the game with 16.6 left in the third period to give the Panthers a 4-4 tie with the Flyers on Monday. Simon Gagne had put the Flyers up a goal at 15:33 of the period with his team-leading 33rd goal. The Flyers, who have won only once in their last seven games (1-5-1), pulledwithin three points of the idle Eastern Conference-leading Boston Bruins. Each team has three games left.

Pat Burrell didn't walk back to the dugout muttering to himself this time. He ran down the line talking to the ball. Burrell led off the 11th inning with a home run against Braden Looper, lifting the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-2 victory over the Florida Marlins on Sunday. He didn't know the ball was gone when he it. "I was shocked," Burrell said. "I wasn't sure if it was going out. The wind was blowing and I was hoping. I was begging. I was talking to it." Burrell was 3-for-20 with eight strikeouts before hitting a 1-0 pitch from Looper (0-2) into the left-field bullpen for his second homer, and first walkoff homer at any level.



Avoiding a potential season-long distraction, the Philadelphia Eagles have cut ties with disgruntled middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter. The Eagles officially removed the franchise designation on Trotter, making their two-time Pro Bowler and leading tackler an unrestricted free agent. Trotter was so unhappy with his contract situation that he cleaned out his locker after Philadelphia's loss to St. Louis in the NFC championship game and vowed never to play for the Eagles again. Trotter's agent, Jimmy Sexton, is seeking a multi-year contract worth about $7 million annually with a signing bonus of $10 million. That apparently is too rich for the Eagles, who were obligated to pay Trotter $5.5 million in 2002 before they rescinded the franchise tag.

Scoreboard

Baseball
Sat., April 6 vs. Washington, 6-10.
Tues., April 9 vs. Swarthmore 13-1.

Women's Tennis
Tues., April 9 vs. Franklin & Marshall, 7-2.

Softball
Sat., April 6 vs. Franklin & Marshall (Double-header),3-2, 2-1.

Women'sLacrosse
Sat., April 6 at Haverford, 11-12.
Tue., April 9 vs. Ursinus, 6-21.

Men's Tennis
Sat., April 6 vs. East Stroudsburg, 7-0.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Softball team notches another win to make it six in a row

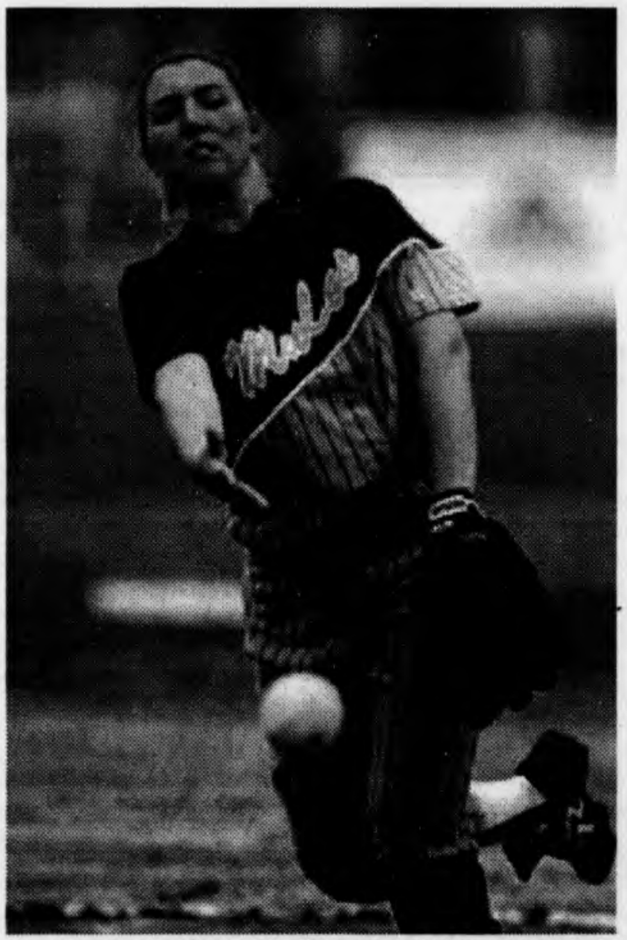
Mules show heart in late innings to rally for two wins against Franklin and Marshall

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

After dropping two home games at Gettysburg two weeks ago, the women's softball team has won its last six games. The Mules fell to Gettysburg without scoring a run in the doubleheader, losing the first game 0-3 and the second, 0-1. Since then, however, the team has allowed just seven runs in six games, winning all six and improving to 14-8 overall and 6-2 in the Conference. With the victories, the Mules are in third place in the Centennial Conference, behind just Gettysburg and Western Maryland, neither of which has lost a game in the Conference to date. The Mules remain in contention though, as the top four teams head to the playoffs at the conclusion of the regular season. "Our goal right now is just to get into the Conference Championships," said head coach Ruth Gibbs. "Once we get there, then we can try to win it [the CC] again."

Four days after the Mules lost at Gettysburg, they hosted Dickinson, looking to rebound from their defeats. Behind strong pitching from Sophomore Danielle DeLucia, and Senior Angie Tyson, the Mules held the Red Devils to just two runs in two games. The Mules won the first game, 3-1 and the second, 4-1. DeLucia fanned a career-high 11 batters in Game 1, while Tyson hurled a two-hitter in the second game. Providing offense for the Mules was Junior Meghan Woods, who went 4-7 on the day. Woods had a double and a run scored in the first game and in Game 2, knocked in two runs with a single to give the Mules the lead. "Our pitchers are really helping us out a lot. They are doing really well for us," said Gibbs.

The Mules next traveled to Haverford on Thursday April 4, and swept two games for the second time in three days. Pitching was once again strong as Haverford was only able to score two runs on the day, but the Mules exploded offensively scoring six runs in the first game and nine in the second. Sophomore Nicole Sarno had the second four-hit game of her career as she went 4-5 and scored three runs.


Sophomore Danielle DeLucia improved her record to 8-4 in a win over Swarthmore. DeLucia has won four decisions straight.

Courtesy of the Sports Information Website

The Mules jumped out to a commanding lead early in the game as Sarno scored one of her runs on a double by Junior Kelly Berg to put the Mules up 4-0 in the second inning. In Game 2, the majority of the Mules' offense came from Sophomore Kate Dischino, who had her first career three-hit game and Freshman Kadie Serfass, who had three RBIs in the game. Woods also got into the offensive action with an RBI triple in the six-run sixth inning.

On Saturday, the Mules extended their Conference winning steak to six consecutive games as they defeated Franklin & Marshall at home in a doubleheader. Both Mule victories came in the last at-bat, the first one in extra innings. In Game 1, the Mules trailed by two runs in the bottom of the sixth, when they tied the game on RBI singles by Tyson and Sarno. Neither team was able to break the tie in the seventh inning and the game headed for the eighth. Tyson and the Mules held off F & M in the top of the eighth and went to bat in the bottom of the inning looking for base runners. Serfass responded, drawing a walk and advancing to second on a bunt single by Sarno. Serfass and Sarno each then moved up a base on a sacrifice by Junior Kristin Best. Next, the Diplomats intentionally walked Berg, but the strategy backfired as the next batter, Woods, was hit by a pitch to force in the winning run. In Game 2, the Mules and Diplomats were tied heading into the bottom of the sev-

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Greek Week to include several new events

By Lindsey Aspinall & Evan Jaffee
Weekly Sports Writers

One of the most highly anticipated weeks of the spring semester has arrived.

The evening of Monday, April 8 officially marked the start of the annual Greek Week. It is the week in which the fraternities and sororities compete in a vast array of competitions for the sole purpose of claiming bragging rights that they are the best fraternity and sorority on campus for one full year.

For the sororities the competitions are lip synching, volleyball, Jeopardy, basketball, swimming, tennis, softball, floor hockey, bowling and newly introduced billiards, floor hockey and three-legged race. The traditional favorite, tug-of war, which takes place Tuesday, April 16 at roughly 6:00 p.m. in the evening at the Library Lot Field, will be the last competition of the 2002 Greek Week.

The fraternities' competitions are mini-golf, ultimate frisbee, bombardment, swimming, softball, darts, pool, tire toss, foosball, frisbee golf, horse shoes, obstacle course and bowling. The brand new events of sumo wrestling and wrestling are also included in this year's Greek Week competition.

Like their female counterparts, the fraternities will engage in a good ol' fashioned battle of tug-of-war as the concluding event of the 2002 Greek Week on the evening of Tuesday. The men's version of the even will take place immediately following the women's event. The 2002 Greek Week for both the fraternities and sororities will officially come to an end after the Closing Ceremonies that take place once the fraternity tug-of-war is finished.

A veteran of many a Greek Week as a student, and now Dean of Greek Life, Chip Hurd knows what he is talking about when he says, "It is a great week of high-spirited competition filled energy and excitement." Indeed, that was the same sentiment expressed by three sophomores who are in the midst of their first Greek Week.

As he relaxed in front of the television after a tough game of bombardment on Monday night, Mike Gross, an AEPi brother, was asked about Greek Week. "I love Greek Week! It's a great way to create competition among fraternities," he said.

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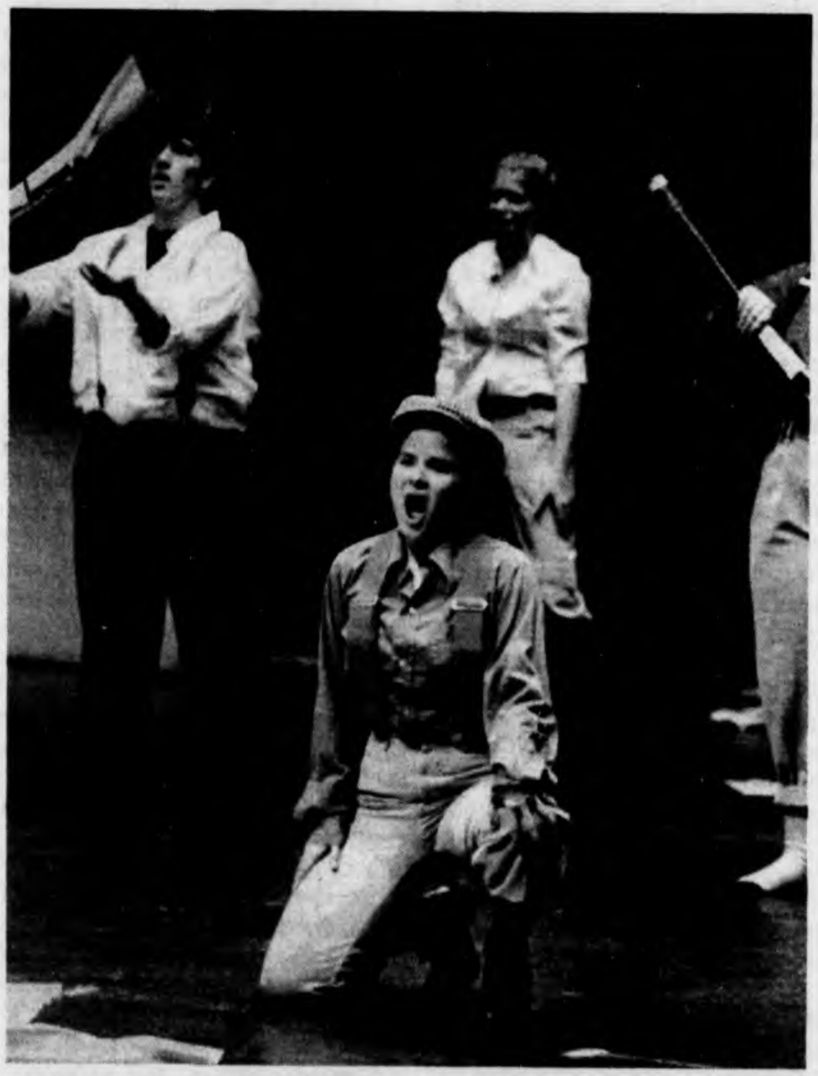
Greek Week takes hold of campus



Phi Mu (above) captured second place in the Lip Sync contest. DZ (right) won first. The competition was one of the most well attended Greek Week events.

Photos By Scott Swartz

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

Each of the four sororities and four fraternities enthusiastically participated in this year's Greek Week events. Many independents attended games as interested spectators. Competition among the fraternities and sororities added excitement to the games but never left the field. Ultimate Frisbee ended up being one of the most popular and intense events in this years competition. Jesse Neider '04 from Alpha Epsilon Pi (Pi) commented that the Frisbee game this year was "very competitive." The first two games matched Pi with Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep), and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) with Phi Kappa Tau (PKT). The winners, TKE and Pi, challenged one another in an intense playoff game, championing TKE. Sig Ep had a win over PKT, putting them in third place for the event. Ultimate Frisbee is a very physical sport, but according to Shawn Zepon '04 of Pi, "After the game everyone shakes hands and it's all over with."

When the weekend arrived, friendly competition grew stronger between fraternities. TKE brother Jason Kodym '04 said, "The competition is hard not to get caught up in." Saturday brought the first of a series of softball games for the men. With Sig Ep beating Pi and TKE beating PKT, Sunday's play-offs showed the determination of all four fraternities. Pi took third place with their win over PKT and TKE beat Sig Ep by two runs, taking first place. PKT brother Jordan Corbman '04 said, "We knew we would probably lose so we brought out the grill and made hamburgers and hot dogs during the game."

Many see a larger purpose to the events than just fun competition. Sig Ep brother Jeff Raup '04 commented, "I enjoy Greek Week because it unites a larger part of the campus and gives all fraternities a reason to unite." Corbman commented, "We've lost games but we've had fun." The most anticipated event in Greek Week was tug-of-war (Tug), which took place on April 16 as the last event of Greek Week. The men's competition began with PKT tugging against TKE and Sig Ep tugging against Pi. TKE and Sig Ep took the victories in the first rounds. In the final round, Pi beat PKT and TKE took the final win with their victory over Sig Ep.

Mike Geller '04 of Sig Ep commented, "I was surprised to see how many independents showed up for the event."

Despite the tight competition, there were no problems among the women. According to Delta Zeta (DZ) sister Laura Price '04, "Greek Week is not causing any problems for me with girls in other sororities." Phi Mu sister Skye Bassett '04 also commented that "Greek week creates a healthy rivalry between sororities."

Lindsay Penvose '04 of Alpha Chi Omega (Alpha Chi) commented, "I have enjoyed going to all the events even if I

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Something to talk about

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

Ending the year strong, five seniors represent the Class of 2002 by reflecting on their college experiences at the final senior events of the year. Cara Restaino, Nancy Grove, Matt Soffer, Elias Saratovsky and Kristen DiLorenzo have been chosen to speak for the class after a long process of voting and interviews.

To choose the candidates, the senior class voted for two people. Out of those votes, the top ten people were posted and went before a selection committee. These students were interviewed, and the committee of students, faculty, and staff chose five candidates. Again, the senior class voted for a candidate, and the students were assigned an event to speak at in order of how many votes they received.

Speaking at commencement, Restaino is honored and excited to represent her class. "I'm in shock, to be honest with you," she confided, "I'm not nervous now, but if

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Competitive applicant pool this year

By Kelly Lehman
Weekly News Editor

Over the past three years, the College has had to greatly reduce the number of accepted students. In 1999, 1,809 applicants were accepted, compared to this year, when the school accepted 1,374 applicants. This year's acceptance rate — 35 percent — would move the College up on the list of lowest acceptance rates for liberal arts colleges. Because at least some other colleges' acceptance rates moved down as well, the College can't be certain how far they have moved up until the magazine releases its final results in March.

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Muhlenberg students let their voices be heard

In this issue of The Weekly, the reader will find a dramatic increase in Letters to the Editor over the normal amount -- which is usually no more than one.

What has been printed is only a small portion of what The Weekly has received. Unfortunately, we are limited by space -- and with that, the number of letters we can publish. However, the spike in reader feedback makes a profound point: When dealing with issues of contention, students at the College have demonstrated impeccable conduct. In fact, the voicing of concerns in verbal and written form is one of the most cherished methods of demonstrating discontent.

In any democratic republic, freedom of expression sits as one of the most treasured and protected rights. The Weekly has always, and continues to, view itself as an open forum for expressing content or discontent regarding issues on-campus, in the United States or across the globe. Only with reader feedback pieces, such as Letters to the Editor or articles submitted to the Op/Ed Section, can The Weekly ever be a truly open forum where varying views of students are represented.

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More importantly, an open forum is merely a means to an end. That end is increasing understanding among members of the College Community. In a time where rocks are thrown, bullets are fired and bombs are detonated, recognizing and appreciating varying opinions on any given topic may be seen as the first step on the path of understanding and conciliation. Only through mutual understanding can long-term non-violence ever be achieved.

Editor's note:

The Weekly apologizes for the factual errors that appeared in Allison Newman's Weekly Discourse article last issue.

Letters to the Editor

Raising objections to claims about Israel

To the Editor:

I would like to begin by addressing some of the various claims made by Allison Newman in her article about US involvement in the Middle East on April 11. Ms. Newman makes the claim that "suicide bombings in Israel by the Palestinian army should not interfere with the United States." Although it is a goal of both the Palestinian people and the Israeli government, as of right now there is no Palestinian State. In 1947, the UN Partition Plan was proposed, under which Palestine would be split into a Jewish state and a Palestinian state with Jerusalem being neutral territory. The Jewish people accepted this and the Arab nations did not. When the British Mandate expired on May 14, 1948 David ben Gurion and the Provisional Government of Israel declared Israeli independence. That night the United States recognized it, followed by recognition from the USSR three days later. On May 15, 1948 the Arab nations waged the first Israeli-Arab war. In 1949, Israel was accepted into the United Nations.

Ms. Newman writes that Israel is claiming to be helping the United States in the "war against terrorism because there are former members of the Taliban that have crossed the border." Israel has never made this claim. Much like the American forces in Afghanistan, Israel is fighting in the Palestinian territories out of self-defense. For the last eighteen months, there has rarely been a period of more

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Chappelle's performance a sure success

To the Editor:

Amy Cookson seems to be pretty sure about her comedy and comedians, especially with Dave Chappelle. As the Comedy Committee Chair of MAC, it was my responsibility and pleasure to research and bring in Chappelle. I am very sorry that Ms. Cookson was offended by the show and did not find it funny, but there are many others who would disagree.

I cannot predict if a comedian is going to be a hit or not; however, I did do everything I could to ensure this. I called up schools where Dave Chappelle had performed before and asked their students and staff about the show. Everyone gave me the green light and the thumbs up. And to tell you the truth, they were absolutely right. I am also unable to predict whether or not a comedian will be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and really if they are, it is their prerogative.

I can understand how people could have found Chappelle's show to be offensive, but these people need to understand that they went to see a comedian, not a guest lecturer or a politician. A comedian performing at a college is not going to do well with knock-knock jokes. The main point of comedy is to satirize and poke fun at modern day life. This is why we heard laughter after Chappelle's so called "offensive" speech.

Since the majority of the students in

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Chappelle offends some but not all

To the Editor:

I'd like to respond to the uptight freshman that commented on Dave Chappelle's performance in last week's letter. Listen, if you are an overly sensitive individual, why would you even go to a performance by a comedian who became famous for starring in a movie like *Half-Baked*? I realize that the world can be a cruel place for those whose parents shielded them from anything and everything until their early twenties. I can only assume that this is the case for you if you were unable to handle the harsh words of Dave Chappelle.

I'm going to break it down for you in a way you might be able to understand. Comedians make fun of people -- that's what they do! Dave Chappelle never claimed to be role model at any time. He had something to say about every stereotype, therefore how can anyone really be that offended? That is why entertainers entertain, and the more serious, politically sound individuals run our country. I am a 20-year-old woman myself, and I certainly demand to be taken seriously when it is time to be serious. Why should I care, though, if someone uses the word "bitch" if it's not in some sort of propagandistic manner? Am I going to get all bent out of shape because guys refer to women as "chicks" sometimes? To simply label Chappelle's act as "hatespeech" because he used the word "dyke" and "bitch" is a rather melodramatic move in describing the act of a comedian. I find it more ignorant to be unable to recognize that Chappelle was, in fact, doing just that.

Perhaps next time the more easily offended people should stick to something more G-rated. And good, go to *The Vagina Monologues* -- for a night of profound, intellectual stimulation! The concept of stand-up involves laughing at ourselves when we cannot do it on our own, even if it is vulgar and uncouth. Just because it is in the Student Activities calendar does not mean you have to go to it! Muhlenberg is the "Caring College," but be careful once you graduate because the rest of the world is not so caring. You won't find people too often who are willing to edit their behavior to appease you or anybody else. Everyone might as well lighten up. Stoned or not, Chappelle's act was undoubtedly hysterical based on the stunned laughter of the audience. I actually thought it was very cool of Muhlenberg to give us so much credit with our sense of mature adult humor. I do not remember the last time I have seen that many Mules fill those stadium seats at one time!

-- Dana Perillo '03

Speak up! and listen

To the Editor:

Why did someone tear down the poster about Afghanistan civilian casualties? Were they threatened by the explicit attention given to the havoc US bombs are reeking in Afghanistan? Or did they simply think the numbers were wrong? Were they offended by the fact that some of the students here question the morality of this war? They left alone the corresponding poster about American civilian casualties from Sept. 11, so I suppose this was their way to challenge the idea that Americans are not the only lives worthy of remorse.

I admit, some of the opinions that have been publicly displayed on campus lately have been controversial. Not everyone agrees with the ideas, and some people are actually quite put off. That's fine. In fact, a variety of responses is both expected and invited. No one has perfect ideas, and therefore we need to be critical of others and ourselves. However, it is lazy and cowardly to simply tear down that with which you disagree. If you have an opposing opinion or alternate perspective, then it is on your shoulders to make your opinion heard. Speak up!

It can be very intimidating to publicly share ideas, especially, as some responses may come in the form of personal attacks. However, with an open mind, we can accept all reactions -- both the pleasantly encouraging and the harshly critical. We can learn from

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than two weeks where there has not been a suicide bombing or terrorist attack by one of the many terrorist organizations residing in the Middle East. These attacks are not carried out by the "Palestinian army" as is written in the article, but by groups such as Hamas, the Hezbollah, and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, which is the militant branch of Yasser Arafat's Fattah Movement. Most of these suicide bombers are middle class high school and university students.

Ms. Newman makes assertions about the fighting in Israel without accurate reference to Israeli history and policy. To say, "They (Israel) have always been fighting with Palestine and they always will until they conquer them, and they are using terrorism as an excuse to try and do just that" is an insult to the complexity of the situation in Israel, in which both sides have more at stake than either conquering the other or self-defense.

While giving her brief assessment of the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Ms. Newman unfortunately gave some incorrect details. The Six-Day War actually began on Jun. 5, 1967, not in 1964, and it was against six Arab nations, not the Palestinian army. It was at this point that Israel occupied the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The most recent conflict began in Sept. of 2000, when the terrorist cells mentioned above launched a popular intifada. Unfortunately, Ms. Newman has her timeline confused. It was not only after Sept. 11 happened that Israel decided to fight "their own war on terrorism;" they have been doing so for decades. It will be recalled that Ehud Barak, the former Prime Minister of Israel, conceded to give back nearly all of the territories in the last round of negotiations, and also agreed to the existence of a Palestinian state. Arafat refused this offer because it was not enough.

Israel has every right to defend itself against these terrorists who constantly attack its civilians and make the Israeli citizens afraid to live their everyday lives because these attacks occur on public busses, in cafes, in malls and shopping markets. One of the latest attacks came during a Passover Seder (the meal held on the first two nights of Passover during which the story of the Jewish people's redemption from slavery is retold). If one is not able to practice one's religion without the fear of a bomber coming into your home or hotel, then there is a significant problem that needs to be dealt with immediately. This reality is a far cry from "using terrorism" as another excuse to fight the Palestinians. For the past nineteen months, both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples have been weeping for their sons and daughters whole lives have been taken, many of which were taken at the hands of terrorists. Israel stands by America in its mission to eradicate terrorism from the world and America now needs to stand by Israel and allow it to do the said.

-- Barry Labenz '04

Israel has no choice

Jared Pasternak

Weekly Guest Columnist

In recent weeks, much has been said of Israel's reaction to Palestinian suicide bombings within the green line that defines Israel proper. It is clear that many nations of the world have surrendered their integrity by demanding an end to Israel's legitimate actions of self-defense. Furthermore, much of the world has criticized Israel's isolation of Yasser Arafat, the pseudo-elected leader of the Palestinian people, an acknowledged terrorist and murderer.

I call upon these critics to understand what I will call "The Choice." The foundation of allowing Yasser Arafat into the territories in 1993, as agreed upon by the Oslo accords, was the concept of land for security. That is, in exchange for autonomy, Yasser Arafat guaranteed to provide Israel security. It is apparent in recent days that, while Yasser Arafat had control of 90 percent of the Palestinian population, security does not exist for anyone in Israel. Why can't Yasser Arafat provide for Israel's security?

There are two opposing claims that might explain his failure to provide for Israeli security. One claim is that Yasser Arafat does not control the Palestinian police force, and his inaction has allowed the autonomy Israel granted the Palestinians to become anarchy. The other claim is that Yasser Arafat does control the Palestinian security forces, but refuses to use them for their designated purpose. For whichever reason, it is obvious that Yasser Arafat is, as Ariel Sharon recently stated, "irrelevant" to the peace process. The time is long overdue for Yasser Arafat to announce his choice. If his people are in a state of anarchy, then he must quit claiming that he wants to negotiate, for he cannot. If he does control his security forces, then he must choose to use them to reign in militants, or risk being labeled a terrorist under the "Bush Doctrine."

One must not construe Israel's right to defend its citizens and crush terrorism with the sickening Palestinian claim of liberating "their" land by murdering unarmed Israeli men, women, children and infants. The conflagration caused by Palestinian "arsonists" must be extinguished by Israeli firefighters. Israel does not deliberately target Palestinian civilians, and never has. Israel could have sent their highly trained air force to decimate the West Bank in a matter of minutes, but they sent their cherished children into the West Bank to ensure terrorists were captured while minimizing civilian damage.

I do not hold the illusion that Israel's current campaign and confinement of Arafat will end the violence, but Israel has no other choice when Arafat fails to negotiate. Israel cannot stand by while its citizens are slaughtered. Israel is doing nothing more than the United States has done to fight terrorism. The "self righteous" nations of Europe have short memories, by claiming Israel should appease a radicalized political movement with the offering of land without negotiations. This certainly reminds me of the eve of World War II. At this time it was agreed that Czechoslovakia should cede the Sudetenland to appease Nazi Germany. We know this did little to appease the Nazis. I compare the Palestinian leadership to that of Nazi Germany. Never, since the Holocaust, has the world seen a society so filled with anti-Semitic propaganda as that which Yasser Arafat pumps into his controlled media and into his followers' children. The goal of homicide bombings is to kill Jews. One must ask why European leaders make telephone calls and international-

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that gym knew that he was not being serious, they were able to take their surroundings and society lightly. There might be a problem if Chappelle's entire performance focused on how women always nag or complain, but that subject matter only lasted a couple of minutes within an hour of satire. An hour that I might add, it seems Ms. Cookson sat through. If she was so offended and disgusted with the show, then she should have gotten up and walked out. I would have even refunded her dollar donation.

-- Dave Basner '02

Diverse opinions are needed

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them and ultimately refine our own stances. Furthermore, only when all views are voiced can the community have the opportunity to listen to various arguments and decide for themselves.

If democracy is to work optimally, we need discourse. We need diversity of thought, we need debate. That diverse opinions are overtly and covertly silenced by students, and especially by leaders of this college and our country is a disgrace! Not to mention scary. Especially now, as our country is at war.

-- Nancy Grove '02

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Weekly Discourse: The Insanity Defense

Should it continue on in the courts or be withheld?

Hon. Thomas Wallitsch

Weekly Guest Columnist

The recent case of Andrea Yates, a mother who killed her five children by drowning, again raised the issue of the appropriateness of what has been termed the insanity defense. Paradoxically, Andrea Yates was convicted of murder notwithstanding many people's feeling that the insanity defense was totally appropriate in her situation. Let us look at what the insanity defense is, what it is not, and whether it should be changed.

The origin of the insanity defense dates back to 1843, when Daniel McNaughtan attempted to assassinate British Prime Minister Robert Peel. McNaughtan killed Peel's secretary but was not found not guilty by reason of insanity at the trial. The rule of law created was that there was no criminal responsibility if, at the time of the offense, the defendant was "laboring under such a defect of reason, from disease of the mind, as not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing, or if he did know it, that he did not know he was doing what was wrong." The United States criminal justice system adopted the legal precedent established by the McNaughtan decision and many states, including Pennsylvania, still have it. In this context, "not guilty by reason of insanity" does not mean that the person did not commit the criminal act for which he or she is charged. It means that when the person committed the crime, he was unable to appreciate the nature and quality of his acts or know right from wrong.

The McNaughtan Rule came under criticism by many experts and some states have changed their definition of the insanity defense. In these states, the test is that a person is not responsible for criminal conduct if, at the time of such conduct as a result of mental disease or defect, he lacks substantial capacity either to appreciate the criminality (wrongfulness) of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law.

What is the underlying basis for allowing an insanity defense? The law recognizes that certain criminal defendants suffer from mental illnesses that render them unable to make rational decisions. The criminal law is meant to punish intentional wrongful acts, not acts that are done by those who are unable to make rational decisions, either because of their age or their mental condition. Such a philosophy makes sense and it is the unusual circumstance which the press often focuses on to call into question the appropriateness of this defense. When John Hinckley was found "not guilty by reason of insanity" in the attempted assassination of President Reagan in 1981 there was a great deal of publicity regarding action to tighten or abolish the traditional insanity defense. Other cases have caused the issue to arise over the last twenty years.

However, it must be noted that the insanity defense is seldomly used. The insanity plea is raised in no more than two percent of felony cases and the defense is rarely successful when the question is contested in a jury trial. Most psychiatric dispositions in the criminal process are arranged without fanfare, without disagreement among the experts, and without dissent by the prosecution. It is cases like Hinckley's which gives the public a distorted picture of the relative insignificance of the insanity defense in the day-to-day administration of justice.

How is the decision made and who makes it? Under the adversarial justice system in the United States, lawyers for the prosecution and the defense often employ experts on each side of an issue that comes up during trial. The jury, and less often a judge, weighs and balances the various expert opinions and comes to a conclusion which expert is more worthy of belief.

There are problems with the insanity defense. First, it is most likely to be used by white middle or upper class defendants because of the money necessary to hire psychiatrists to give expert testimony to the fact-finder. Secondly, the fact-finder, usually the jury, is often overwhelmed by the experts who make a living out of giving opinions in court. Therefore, the experts' credibility is often suspect.

Regardless of the problems, the insanity defense should be retained because some defendants afflicted by severe mental disorder cannot be justly blamed for their criminal conduct and therefore do not deserve to be punished. This defense, in short, is essential to the moral integrity of the criminal law. If the insanity defense were abolished, the law would not take adequate account of the incapacitating effects of severe mental illness. Some mentally ill defendants may be said to have "intended" to do what they did -- that is, their technical guilt can be established. Nonetheless, they may have been so severely disturbed that they are unable to appreciate the significance of their action.

Many states have replaced the plea or finding of "not guilty by reason of insanity" with a "guilty but mentally ill" plea or verdict possibility. It is believed by many that a person who is found either "not guilty by reason of insanity" or "guilty but mentally ill" will simply be released. That is not the case. After such a finding, usually those found not guilty by reason of insanity or guilty but mentally ill are confined for treatment in a special hospital for severely mental ill persons who have committed crimes. After a period of time, the person may request a hearing to determine if he or she is no longer a danger to himself or others and is therefore eligible to be released. Most often, it takes years, if not decades, for the reviewing board to release such a person. John Hinckley remains housed in a mental facility, twenty years later. Studies have shown that persons found not guilty by reason of insanity, on the average, are held at least as long as, and often longer than, persons found guilty and sent to prison for similar crimes.

Rather than abolishing this defense, the legal community should focus its attention on ways in which its administration can be improved. It should make the experts be qualified in order to give opinions on the issue of insanity, however it is defined. They should make sure that there is adequate funding to allow those people for whom the insanity defense might be appropriate to have the evaluations they need to use it.

Ari Ascher

Weekly Guest Columnist

The insanity defense first appeared in courtrooms over 700 years ago. Since then, its use has steadily increased. There are currently 51 distinct versions of it in the United States. There's one for each state, each one different than the last. Number 51 is reserved for use by the federal government, and it's different than all prior ones.

Is the insanity plea overused? Most of the high profile and countless low- or no-profile cases within the last twenty years have invoked some form of the insanity defense. However, the mere fact that a lot of defendants have used the defense does not in itself constitute overuse. In general, the insanity defense is raised during criminal trials, but it has also been raised elsewhere.

Consider that the insanity defense has become so popular at hearings that defendants now have three choices instead of two. There are the standard pleas of guilty or not guilty. And then there is not guilty by reason of insanity. Not guilty by reason of insanity is a cross between the other two, and it's also the one defense that if successful means time in a mental institution, not jail. Defendants can also choose from full insanity and temporary insanity. State courts have a choice that they can make when deciding the verdict: Guilty but mentally ill.

To decide whether the defense has been overused, one needs to understand that defendants aren't the only ones using the insanity defense as a free ticket. Besides defendants, journalists and politicians inside and outside of the courtroom are using the term for their own gain. For journalists, the term makes a great headline, and for politicians it's a great debate topic. In the 1980s, after John Hinckley, Jr. was arrested, Congress made sweeping reforms to the insanity defense. Debate was fierce, but most members finally agreed that the old laws were too broad and presented ethical dilemmas.

Is the insanity defense overused? The term "insanity" is not a psychological term. This defense was used so much that someone invented the term. Under the current guidelines, anyone can use the insanity defense, but must prove that he or she was criminally insane. It's a relatively easy task since the jurors ultimately decide if the defense testimony fits with the facts of the case. In addition, the criteria for being declared legally insane are constantly changing, thus making the task easier.

The insanity defense should be reserved for those individuals who need it and not those who don't. It is overused by people who are legally sane but do not want to take responsibility for their actions. This defense is seldom successful and so, like the Twinkie defense, it needs to be reserved for times when it is truly necessary. There are times when a simple plea of not guilty would suffice. Otherwise, the insanity defense may end up being taken away. And that would truly be crazy.

Arab nations must work for peace

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al appearances expressing concern over how many bedrooms Yasser Arafat is confined to, yet fail to condemn this horrifying wave of homicide attacks. Could it be that Europeans fear the loss of their oil more than they do the loss of Jewish lives? Until Arab nations along with European powers make the choice to fulfill their obligations to work for a just peace, and until young Palestinian minds are filled with images of peace and not martyrdom, Israel will have no choice but to defend itself, with or without any other nation's support. Now more than ever, the words "never again" have significance to the people of Israel.

A meeting of minds

Two Israelis, one Arab and one Jew, talk about prejudice

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

Two men, brought together by their country but separated by religion, spoke about the possibilities for peace and coexistence in Israel. Michael Bavly (a Jew) and Forsan Hussein (an Arab) gave a presentation in the Red Door entitled, "The People's Peace Process" that started off Israel Awareness Week this Monday.

Bavly and Hussein shared their personal experiences about growing up in Israel. They addressed the stereotypes that existed between Jews and Arabs as well as the different emotions they experienced at various points in their young lives.

"I was taught that all Arabs had beards and were dirty," said Bavly.

Hussein discussed his first encounter with Jews which occurred when he was ten years old. His class from elementary school went to visit some Jewish people in a town nearby as an attempt to create coexistence. He remembers receiving a chocolate chip cookie from the Jewish man who greeted the class at the gate of the town.

"That chocolate chip cookie changed my life," said Hussein with a chuckle.

Bavly told a similar story about his experience in the Israeli army. At 19 years old, he had been stationed at a military checkpoint on the Gaza Strip, and was in charge of allowing the Arabs from the Strip to cross over into Israel to find work. He had to inspect the documents held by the Arabs and make sure that all was in order and no weapons were being carried into Israel.

"I was concerned with the safety of my country," said Bavly. "As I thought about what I was doing, I just could not believe how a 19 year-old person could have such control over thousands of people."

The audience, which consisted of both students and faculty, learned that the two men met at Brandeis University in August of 1996. From there, they began coexisting projects that continue today.

Beginning with a small group of seven students that met over dinner, political issues of the Middle East were discussed.

The team started their own

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Chosen few speak for hundreds

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you ask me the day of commencement, I probably will be."

While she has not written her speech yet, Restaino plans on addressing the class on a farewell note. "I think it's a celebratory event, and it should be a send off—a bon voyage and good luck. But, also a reminder to not forget where you came from," she noted.

Grove will be speaking at the reflections ceremony, a closing event where the seniors will read their notes to themselves from the freshmen candle-lighting ceremony. Like the other speakers, Grove is still unsure of what she will say. She and the other speakers will be meeting with Mike Bruckner, Vice-President of Public Relations, to discuss their roles in each event.

As speaker at the champagne brunch, Soffer is "excited, honored and surprised." He explained that the speakers will each discuss what they are planning to say so that each event's speech is different in substance and delivery. "I'm sure we'll all have different ways of getting the message across because we are all such different people," he remarked. Soffer plans on addressing experience with the community.

Saratovsky and DiLorenzo will give the champagne toast for the senior class. "I'm excited for it. Kristen and I will make a great team," said Saratovsky. He explained that their toast will be short and fitting to the event. "This is one of the last few things to do together at Muhlenberg," commented Saratovsky. The two speakers would like to "congratulate [the seniors] and tell them to have a good night," added DiLorenzo.

The selection committee asked each interviewee questions about their experience at the College. Some basic questions about what activities the students had been involved in were also addressed. The committee wanted to know how the students feel they have changed since freshman year and what their best and worst experiences on campus were.

Commenting on his interview, Soffer said, "They ended with a challenging question. They wanted to know if you could say one thing to Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon, what would it be?" Each student answered differently. Grove responded to the question with, "A lot of silence. I started out by saying that my response would be naïve, but I would ask them what they really want. Then I would look for some tiny morsel of common ground."

"The interview was actually fun," explained Restaino, "It was a little nerve-racking of course, but it was fun."

Each speaker is honored and enthusiastic to say their final words to the senior class. Saratovsky added, "Muhlenberg has prepared us for anything we want to do. With perseverance, we can achieve anything."

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This week's 'Berg professor and alum: Dr. Joan Marx

By Shannon Solheim
Weekly News Writer

What started for Dr. Joan Marx as a means to help pay her way through graduate school ended up as her professional calling. After graduating from the College in 1977 with a double major in Spanish and Political Science, Marx went on to earn her masters at Ohio University and her Ph.D. at Rutgers University.

"Because my parents couldn't afford to pay my way through graduate school, I took a job as a teacher's assistant," said Marx.

To become a teacher's assistant, each individual had to complete a two-week orientation program and then they were each given their own class of twenty-five students. "After my first week in the classroom," she said, "I knew that I wanted to teach."

As Marx was finishing up her last year of her dissertation at Rutgers in 1984, a position opened up at the College. A favorite Spanish professor of hers, Dr. Kenneth Webb, was retiring. She went in for her first job interview and was offered the position. "I never expected to come back to Allentown and live here in my hometown," she said, "but after being back at this institution I knew I didn't want to teach anywhere else." Dr. Marx was asked by former College President, Dr. Jonathan Messerly, to serve as Assistant Dean of the College. Her experience actually bridged two administrations to come back to teaching. She returned as the head of what was then called the Foreign Language and Literatures department. She held this position for four years.

One of Marx's proudest accomplishments during this time came in the form of a Mellon Foundation Grant. This grant was used by members of the Foreign Language departments to develop multi-media computer programs to be used in courses at the language level. "At the time we applied for the grant you could buy packaged programs, but they were primitive," said Marx. The grant allowed those involved to develop programs that would cater to the needs of the students at the College.

Currently, Marx is in charge of the Spanish Program. This is a unique position because it allows her to remain active in the classroom. She also tries to keep motivating students on campus as well. "Because I didn't have time to participate in activities as a student," explained Marx, "I have gone out of my way now."

She's been involved in Phi Sigma Iota, the Romance Language House, acted as an advisor to the International Student Association as well as an advisor to the Alpha Chi Omega sorority where she was even asked to pledge as a sister, since sororities were nonexistent during her time as a student.

One of her greatest experiences was co-teaching an interdisciplinary course with Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling last spring. The course was titled *The Culture and Economy of Spain* and was designed to provide Business and Economics students with global experience. It focused on the development of the Spanish economy from prehistoric times through today. The course also combined with a study component in Spain during the summer of 2001. In their two and a half weeks abroad, Marx, Kish-Goodling, their families and the nine students attempted to travel to as many towns and sites as possible. "We became such a cohesive group," said Marx. "It was the most enriching experience I've had teaching."

"Given my teaching experience with Dr. Marx, I would consider her to be a highly creative risk-taker because she was willing to undertake the challenge of teaching with me in a discipline completely different from her own," said Kish-Goodling. "I know I benefited tremendously in terms of my own teaching and learning from that experience. We are so fortunate to have such a dynamic faculty member on this campus."

Marx's husband, Dr. Ludwig Schlect, a professor in the Philosophy department, also had nothing but praise for his wife. "Every student that I know who has had her as a professor in basic language courses or advanced civilization and literature courses has given her rave reviews," he said. "Students comment about her enthusiasm, her ability to engage them and to make the learning experience both rewarding and enjoyable."

Dr. Marx outside of Ettinger Hall.

Photo By Kelly Lehman

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – An inmate facing sentencing next week in connection with a drug-related shooting at the Lehigh Valley Mall escaped Sunday morning from Lehigh County Prison in Allentown, authorities said. City police used a dog from Emmaus and a helicopter from Lehigh Valley Hospital to search for Raymond Terron-Perez, a 29-year-old Reading man. Terron-Perez escaped out a warehouse door on Linden Street during a food delivery at the prison. Terron-Perez had been assigned to work in the prison kitchen but was not authorized to be in the warehouse. Police had not found Terron-Perez by Sunday night, the authorities said.

Nazareth – Heavy metal music got its start in the 1960s. Light metal music was born last year in the quiet prototyping area of Martin Guitar handyman Tim Teel. Teel, research and development manager for the Nazareth-based guitar giant, invented a guitar made out of aluminum. Martin Guitar is using the material made popular by house siding and baseball bat makers. "Your soda cans at work," quips Dick Boak, the company's artist relations manager, as he holds up one of the silver metallic ALternative X guitars. The ALternative X (AL is the atomic symbol for aluminum) can be played acoustically or electrically and sells for $1,199.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Scattered T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 72	High: 66	High: 58
Low: 52	Low: 43	Low: 37

West for the week, students to attend conference

By Michelle Sartor
Weekly News Writer

Six senior head tutors from the College will be attending the National Tutoring Association's 10th Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from April 21 to 24. The theme of this year's conference is "Tutoring: Putting the Pieces Together." This conference is the seventh year the College has sent students to make presentations. It also marks the first time six students will be attending. In the past, the largest number of students at the conferences was five. This year is the first time every student from the College who made a proposal for the conference was invited to attend.

To participate in the conference, tutors must submit proposals of presentations to the National Tutoring Association (NTA). An NTA committee then selects which presentations will be made at the conference based on their relevance to the theme.

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radio show as well, called *Just Like You*. They played Arabic and Hebrew music and had different segments about cooking, an interview with a "person of the week" who promoted peace in the Middle East, a proverb of the week segment, and the "just like you" segment where perceptions between Arabs and Jews were discussed.

Bavly and Hussein's message is that coexistence cannot take place with single events. It will take another fifty years to talk about the issues surrounding the perceptions held by Arabs and Jews in the Middle East before relations can be changed.

With their talks, they hope to dispel myths surrounding the issues.

"We want to turn ignorance into knowledge and distrust of each group into trust," said Bavly.

Students can consult the team's new website for more information regarding the Middle East conflict at www.shalam.org.

In honor of Israel Awareness Week there was an information table set up in Seegers during lunchtime displaying the events for the week.

Cell phones were available for people who wanted to call the White House and register support for Israel as well as resources for students to send letters to members of Congress in support of Israel.

Resources were also available for students who wanted to send personal letters to Israel Defense Force soldiers.

"Donations were collected for Magen David Adom (the Israeli Red Cross)," said Patti Mittleman, director of Hillel. "These are the people you see running across your T.V. screen after each suicide bombing, trying to aid the injured on both sides of the conflict."

On Tuesday, there was a Speak Out for Israel held at noon in Parents Plaza where an open microphone was set up so that students and others on campus could share perspectives on the conflict.

A benefit concert by SOUL-FARM took place on Wednesday and donations were given to Magen David Adom, as well. Today there will be a party at Hillel with Israeli dancing and Middle Eastern foods to close out the week.

Blue ribbons displayed across campus represented a want for peace in the Middle East. They also served as a symbol of Israel Awareness Week.

Campus Safety Notes

April 9 – Vehicle Violation – A student received a parking ticket for parking on the Front Drive. It was the student's seventh ticket. He treated the Campus Safety officer who issued the ticket with disrespect and was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

April 9 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off at 2245 Gordon Street because of grease on a stove.

April 10 – Disturbance – A dispute between a couple was reported at 407-409 North 23rd Street. The two were separated for the evening and no disciplinary actions were taken.

April 10 – Trashing – Food was thrown down the center stairwell in Prosser Hall.

April 11 – Assault – A student-on-student assault occurred at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. One student was referred to the Dean of Students.

April 11 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A car parked in the Benfer parking lot was found with a broken rear taillight.

April 11 – Vandalism to Vehicle – A car parked in the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot was found with a smashed rear taillight.

April 11 – Fire Alarm – A housekeeper dusting a fire alarm in East Hall accidentally set it off.

April 12 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm at 2241 Liberty Street went off from cooking.

April 12 – Injured Student – A student using a heating pad in the Life Sports Center received a burn on the shoulder.

April 13 – Vandalism – Purple paint was splattered on a stairwell and on an outside wall of Benfer Hall. The situation is currently under investigation.

April 14 – Disorderly Conduct – A group of individuals were screaming in the Trexler Library. Two individuals were referred to the Dean of Students Office.

April 15 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm in the stair tower in Brown Hall went off as a result of it being cleaned.

April 15 – Vehicle Violation – A freshman was found with a vehicle parked in the Prosser parking lot. The student was referred to the Dean of Students.

April 16 – Vandalism – A bench was pried from the ground in the Front Drive. A sign located near Ettinger Hall reading "Keystone Project" was also pulled from the ground. Both items have not been recovered.

April 16 – Theft – An eight-foot wooden table was stolen from the East Library Lawn. It has not been recovered.

April 16 – Theft – A bulletin board was stolen from a wall on the second floor of the Center for the Arts. It has not been recovered.

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Greek Week competition keeps spirits high

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was not participating." Julie Shaw '04 of Phi Sigma Sigma (Phi Sig) also commented, "I'm really enjoying it. The most important thing is to have fun."

A basketball game between Phi Sig and Alpha Chi as well as DZ and Phi Mu began the festivities on Monday. Winners Alpha Chi and DZ challenged one another with Alpha Chi taking the victory.

> *"We definitely worked as a team to achieve this victory."*
>
> *Jason Kodym '04*

The swimming relay was taken by Phi Sig with DZ placing second. Phi Sig sister Alice McGrail '04 commented, "We had a strong swimming squad this year."

Lip sync is one of the most well attended events during Greek Week. All four sororities had five minutes to perform a lip sync routine to the song of their choice. DZ placed first, Phi Mu second and Alpha Chi third. Phi Mu sister Bassett commented, "Lip Sync was an amazing experience."

The women also participated in Tug on April 16, the last day of Greek Week events. In the first rounds, Phi Sig beat Alpha Chi and DZ beat Phi Mu.

In the final round, Alpha Chi beat Phi Mu and Phi Sig beat DZ, making Phi Sig the champions of this event with DZ placing second.

The events of this exciting week have come to an end. For the men, TKE placed first, Pi second, Sig Ep third and PKT fourth. Kodym of TKE commented that Tony Briscella '04 in Sumo Wrestling, and Kyle Freda '04, Paul Sasso '02 and Matt Bernardo '04 in arm wrestling were key in TKE's win. Kodym said, "We definitely worked as a team to achieve this victory."

For the women, Alpha Chi placed first, DZ second, Phi Sig third and Phi Mu fourth.

Regardless of the outcome, all Greeks put forth a strong effort and played well. Most important is the fact that everyone enjoyed themselves. Megan Schreiber '04 of DZ said, "Win or lose, everyone must admit that it was a great week."

Tutors to gain skills at conference

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Schools throughout the United States send proposals and participate in the conference. Erica Schmitt '02 will be making a presentation at the conference. She said that this year there will most likely be more students from west coast schools because of the conference's location in Nevada, but there will be a variety of geographic locations represented.

Schmitt explained that the conference will have several sessions occurring simultaneously in separate rooms. Attendees pay a fee and may choose which sessions to view.

The students from the College plan to split up and attend different sessions, then share what they have learned. She expects information on a range of topics to be offered at the conference. The information gathered from the College's students is used in tutor training, which helps the College's tutoring staff better serve the students. Information can also be shared with professors and with the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC).

Wendy Cole, Director of Academic Support Services, said that all students who send proposals to the NTA must have at least two full years of tutoring experience, showing that they are devoted to the program. She said that preparing for the conference involves a lot of work, and the students involved are the ones who complete all the necessary preparations.

Cole said that the head tutors come up with presentation ideas based on the given theme and their own knowledge. For example, Kylie Green '02 and Eric Smith '02 will be making a presentation about learning assistants. Green has done research in that area because of her psychology major and Smith has been a learning assistant for three semesters.

Cole said the conference offers a great opportunity for the head tutors and is good for the College as well because the students involved are able to eloquently share their findings. According to Cole, the College has a reputation of having a notable student body at the NTA conferences because of the past presentations given by students. One important part of the College's participation in the NTA's annual conferences according to Cole is the administrative support, including support from President Taylor.

Cole said it was surprising that all the College's proposals were accepted, but she was very pleased with the outcome. She said that juniors are currently being spoken to regarding possible ideas for next year's conference to get a head start thinking about their proposals.

At the conference, Michael Diehl will present "Math Anxiety: It Doesn't Really Add Up," Schmitt and Cole will present "Beating the Odds: Strategic Tutoring with LD and ADHD Students," Joy Chen and Laurie Guarino will present "Cashing in with Head Tutors," and Green and Smith will present "The Implementation and Evaluation of the Learning Assistant."

College maintains highly selective level

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nation's "Best Colleges" are always one year behind the admissions cycle because of their publication deadlines. Last year, the school's acceptance rate was 44 percent.

Since record numbers of students are choosing to enroll here, it has become increasingly difficult for the college to predict the size of each incoming class. It is still too early for the College to give an exact number, but they are predicting that they will need to cut the number of acceptances down more this year.

Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, told The Weekly there are positive and negative issues involved with this increase in students. The positive is that because more students consider enrolling here, the Admissions Office has become more selective. This could have a positive outcome on the student body as the school's diversity increases. On the negative side, Hooker-Haring said, "if the yield keeps spiking upward at an astonishing rate, how do you control enrollment?" Even with the significant number of acceptances taken "off the table" over the past three years, the school cannot predict how many students will decide to enroll next year.

At 41.8 percent, the latest percentage yield, or the number of accepted applicants who actually enroll here, is the highest ever for the College. Last year, the school's percentage yield was 37.6 percent, which was also increased from previous years. From 1992-1997, an average of about 25 percent of accepted applicants enrolled. Since 1997, however, this steadily rising number has caused the school to reduce its acceptance rate as well.

The number of first-year students who come to the College is not the only number that's growing. The school's retention rate for all returning class years has risen significantly.

The school's retention rate for first-year students returning their second year, which is usually between 89 and 90 percent, peaked at 94 percent last year. Now at 93.1 percent, this rate remained above average compared to other liberal arts colleges this year as well.

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Question of the Week:
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"Ewan MacGregor's or Hugh Jackson's because I love Australian men."
- Angela Kessler '04

"Derek Jeter because he's H-O-T-T!"
- Ilana Lior '03

"Justin Timberlake's because my hands look better on him than Britney's ever did."
- Crystal Smart '05

"Angelina Jolie's just because it's her."
- Frank Grande '05

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Muhlenberg welcomes families on Grandparents Day

Rachel Silberman '05 and her grandfather enjoy Bagel Brunch at the Hillel House on Grandparent's Day. Another brunch was held in the Garden Room with President and Mrs. Taylor.

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BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Asst. Life! Editor

Greeted by a mass of silver and red balloons, and a giant sign saying "Welcome Families," grandparents, parents and siblings alike arrived on campus for Grandparents Day, which was held on Sunday, April 14. The glorious weather made for the perfect occasion for students to invite their relatives to share a day with them at the College.

The event was put together by the Student Activities Office in conjunction with the Alumni Relations Office. One hundred fifty-three grandparents, one hundred eighty-eight guests, such as parents, and many students took part in the event.

The day started off with brunch with President and Mrs. Taylor in the Garden Room. The tables were decorated with flowers for a special touch. Besides the usual breakfast fare, a dessert and pastry spread was set up and there were several specials offered. Students, their families and their friends had the chance to gather for mealtime and then mingle with the Taylors. There was also a bagel brunch held at the Hillel House.

After brunch there were a variety of activities available during the day. Starting at noon, student musical groups played in the lobby of Seeger's. The Dynamics and Donson Laughlin Quintet, who played jazz, were among those who performed for appreciative audiences.

For those who could not get enough of the Donson Laughlin Quintet, another group of musicians were playing jazz in the Red Door as well. Odrich Jazz Quartet, which hails from New York, played for two hours.

Still more musical talent could be heard throughout the day when the Chamber Singers performed after the 1:00 p.m. Chapel Service.

Those who wanted to get a taste of life in the classroom had the chance to attend three faulty discussions. The topics of these sessions involved the history of Muhlenberg, age and gender on televisions, and psychology and aging.

To balance the intellectual aspect of the day three stations were set up in GQ. Chocolate dipping, photo buttons, and a name meaning booth were open from noon to 6:00 p.m. Many grandparents were seen wearing several buttons at once, each with their grandchildren in a different pose.

According to Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, the "biggest hit of all" was the trolley tour around campus. Tours went out throughout the day so as to be able to show the College while minimizing walking distance. A survey that was passed out at the end of the day revealed that many guests felt the trolley completed the day quite well.

As one grandparent said, "It has been an absolutely delightful day."

Stand-up for Basner

Efram Abrams
and Cheryl Wortzel
Weekly Guest Writer
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Senior Dave Basner became the first student at Muhlenberg to perform a stand-up comedy act this past Thursday night at 9:00 in the Red Door. Most first time stand-up comedians usually perform for only about five to seven minutes. Basner, however, successfully performed with an act that lasted for about one hour.

Basner's material was somewhat explicit when he discussed certain topics; however, he made sure to balance it out with more general, everyday humor. The topics he included most frequently in his show were those that he would be sure his audience, college students, would be able to relate to.

He began with jokes and anecdotes about freshman year in college. Basner shared his own nightmarish experiences and compared them to others. There was not one person in the room who didn't share similar feelings on the subject; all related easily to the topic.

His routine consisted of a lot of subjects standard in many comedy acts. He creatively and humorously adapted them to produce his own personal spin. Basner used his audience very effectively. Approximately eighty people came to the show, and he formed a good relationship with them instantaneously by means of including them in his performance, and using subject matter they could relate to. An hour performance is long, but these two important aspects of the show helped to effectively keep everyone's attention for the entire time.

Initially, Dave was interested in the news aspect of the entertainment industry; however, he now feels that his future may actually lie in stand-up comedy, as he demonstrated Thursday night. One thing that influenced him greatly in this decision was the comedy team, the Sklar Brothers, when they performed here in the recent past. Watching their act in the Red Door inspired Dave to put together his own show.

Basner says he feels his performance went very well, and he was pleased with the turnout, although he was initially very nervous about it. He encourages everyone to try comedy at some point, and perhaps this is because it is so obvious that he gets so much enjoyment from it.

India Arie: Refreshing and spiritual

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

When you hear the name of an album, *Acoustic Soul*, for instance, a feeling of peace and tranquility grabs you right off the bat. If that feeling is in fact achieved, then India Arie has definitely reached her goal. Her neo-classic soulful voice allows listeners to enter into her world made of everything from memories of Billie Holiday right up to pop diva, Lauryn Hill.

The Atlanta-based sultry songstress is not just a fly-by-night; quite the contrary in fact, she is actually a much studied musician that has training rooted in R&B, pop and classic soul. Her apparent natural inclination toward the musical word is quite evident throughout her groundbreaking first album, *Acoustic Soul*, which has turned the heads of numerous record labels ranging from the smallest executives in a relatively unknown label, to fellow musicians including most notably, John Mellencamp (with whom she recorded the Grammy nominated track "Peaceful World"). Although her collaboration with Mellencamp earned her a few Grammy nods, the same honors were bestowed on her album and the first single titled, "Video."

Most refreshing about Arie is her self-awareness without any hint of being consumed at all, as seen in "Video," where Arie states, "I'm not your average girl from the video/ My worth is not determined by the price of my clothes/ I've learned to lōve myself unconditionally, because I am queen." Arie makes a statement by refusing to fall into the stereotypes that so many more recognizable faces of R&B and soul music conform to; better stated, she is a diva with a conscience and an opinion.

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ACOUSTIC SOUL

India Arie's songs are filed with subdued passion and strong rhythm.

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A very strong sense of faith and spirituality can be found on *Acoustic Soul*, which at times can get a little overwhelming, but does allow for a varying level of interpretation about the artist herself. Her ability to mold her beliefs and strong sense of self into musical melodies seen in songs like "I See God in You," and "Strength, Courage & Wisdom," are admirable.

Strangely, her first single, "Video" (and the one that she most noted for) is worlds away from almost every other track on her album, which may actually be misleading for the unsuspecting music lover. That is not to say, however, that the rest of the songs do not fit into the same genre of music, but rather their arrangement and execution sound nothing alike. The variation is very refreshing.

India Arie is mellow in every sense of the word, backing that quality up with an innate ability of 'coolness.' Her songs are filled with abashed passion, and melodies that make your head nod at a rhythm that drives you to sit back and unwind from a hard day's work. This CD definitely has its place right next to Sade, Babyface and various other selections that would fit a late-night drive with friends, but proceed with caution if you want a little "pump me up," and look elsewhere.

Soulfarm: Riveting, gifted and undefinable

By Andy Winkler
Weekly Staff Writer

Soulfarm is a trio of extraordinarily gifted musicians from New York. The band is forging an exciting new sound by combining the musical roots of their heritage with a shared passion for melodic song writing and modern, progressive arrangements. Already hailed as "a high intensity band" by CMJ New Music Report, Soulfarm is now harvesting higher ground on its first studio album, *Scream of the Crop*.

Soulfarm's textured wall of sound is nothing if not unique. It offers those rarest qualities in contemporary music: multigenerational and cross-cultural appeal. Live, the band's indefinable, riveting world-beat blueprints and turbocharged energy turns heads at every venue in which they perform. Performances across the country have left crowds standing on their feet, and critics groping for superlatives to describe the band's music and power, and what exactly makes Soulfarm so different and special. The band plays what can be best thought of as "new American music." C, Noah and Mark write the songs: equal partners, equal input, equal talent. They are the essence of Soulfarm, the three core players who create the band's signature musical themes and crystalline three-part harmonies. In concert, however, they are accompanied by at least one extra player, and often more.

Soulfarm's potent, guitar-driven sound is an original reconfiguring of a wide spectrum of influences, from the kings and queens of classic rock and funk to the legends of soul.

When not in the studio, Soulfarm can be found on the road, playing everywhere from the Bill Graham festivals in San Francisco with friends Steve Kimock, Merl Saunders to the cultural stages of Berlin, Germany, where they recorded two live CDs -- the just-released *Live in Berlin 2* and its predecessor, *Live in Berlin*.

Soulfarm displayed their talent to Muhlenberg.

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In their hometown, Soulfarm has ignited a wide fan base that regularly sells out clubs like the Wetlands (where their first album under the new name, Live @ Wetlands, was recorded), and the Lion's Den. The unit has also played before packed houses at the city's famed Town Hall.

Through extensive tours of the U.S. and Europe, the group has likewise gained increased popularity on college stages and at festivals on two continents. In June 1999, the band opened for Bruce Hornsby and Shawn Colvin at the hugely successful Ben & Jerry's Festival in Vermont. More recently, Soulfarm opened for Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart at the Firehouse, a top club in St. Louis and have played several times with Dispatch (including both shows this past weekend in Philadelphia).

Perhaps what set the band apart, allowing it to reach a disparate audience is the universality of its music, which offers rhythms you can hear on any neighborhood corner in any city -- gorgeous, aggressive, unpredictable rhythms flooding from the streets, windows, alleys and sidewalks.

A long time ago, the great poet T.S. Eliot said he believed that good music is "music heard so deeply that it is not heard at all, but you are the music while the music lasts." That, in a nutshell sums up the sonic magic that Soulfarm creates.

Listen to the captivating sounds of Soulfarm, and you'll have no choice but to become the music. They played a show in the Red Door on Wednesday, April 17 2002 at 8 p.m. Admission to the special intimate show was free although a donation was suggested, as the funds went toward the Israeli Red Cross (Magen David Adom) as part of Israel Awareness Week.

The Have Nots Have It

By B.W., N.N. and C. S.
Weekly Guest Writers

What happens when you cross a trio of improvisational comedians, two "old farts," a participatory audience and one very, angry man? It happens to be one of the most amazing evenings in the Red Door to date. The South Carolina troupe that consisted of Greg, Timmy and Brandy vaulted onto the stage Friday, April 12 with more energy and excitement than anyone was prepared for that evening. Feeding off of the raw energy that existed, the crowd, which was mandated by Greg to be extremely active in the overall performance, offered many suggestions for the direction of the show.

Opening up their show with an ice cream parlor interpretation of the old classic, "Booger Cone," The Have Nots built upon the existing ideas and often misdirected thoughts of those in the peanut gallery. With the use of on the spot interviews, and the proposals of the crowd ranging from the ordinary like "Garden Room Food" and "sex," to the more exotic "antidisestablishmentarianism" and "Friar Tuck Goes To The Yogurt Stand," Greg, Timmy and Brandy created scenes of riotous laughter that is yet to be matched at Muhlenberg College thus far. Their ability to create instantaneous laughter and comfort among those involved allowed for spontaneous and unpredictable entertainment. Sketches included the representation of Ryan Kavalsky's troubling day, and the inevitable meeting of the tall spirited Stacie Feldman and emotionally undersized Neil Newman.

For those of you comedy-fans who witnessed Dave Chappelle's poor performance, and neglected to show up for The Have Nots' debut for fear of wasting another "precious" night at Muhlenberg, you could not have made a poorer decision.

So, for those of you who feel left out, or those of you who wish to relive that memorable evening, look for the return of The Have Nots sometime next semester, when Timmy will be returning for a solo stand-up performance.

Muhlenberg's Top 5: Ways to Spot Muhlenberg Seniors

5. Spending more time in Parent's Plaza than in class

4. Carrying one notebook rather than a book bag

3. Nowhere near the Registrar

2. Out at the bars on a weeknight

1. Wearing an excited yet terrified grin

Compiled by
Kelly Anne Robertson

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CELIBACY
The commitment to refrain from sexual relations—and hence to forego marriage—is considered a grace or gift (a "charism") within the Roman Catholic church. When the Holy Spirit calls a man to the priesthood, celibacy is among the Spirit's gifts that equip him for a life of ministry. It allows him to devote himself fully to the well-being and care of the congregation, without distraction or "competition" from his own family. In Eastern Orthodox churches, bishops are celibate, but deacons and priests may marry. The Roman Catholic vow of celibacy is binding on all clergy in major orders, while the Lutheran and Protestant churches in the 16th century removed celibacy as an ordination vow. Judaism has rarely, if ever, endorsed celibacy, noting that the first commandment given in the Bible is "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28); procreation is a positive duty in Judaism.

Death to Smoochy distorts and delights

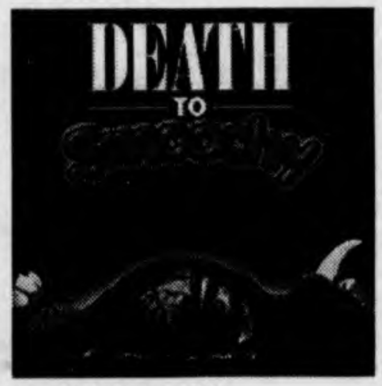
life! *review*

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

What movie would dare to present Robin Williams dressed in a rainbow-colored jacket laden with sequins while surrounded by children called the Crinkle Kids, all the while cursing and spitting on the beloved Barney-like Smoochy? This month's new release of the deviant yet unbelievably hysterical satire *Death To Smoochy*, starring Robin Williams and sophisticated talent Ed Norton, presents these images and much more.

Through the elaborated back alleys of the commercialism of children's television, *Death to Smoochy* presents an extremely tarnished world that actually intensifies many real-life problems and stereotypes that human beings today tend to overlook. This world is a messed-up place, and it takes a rhinoceros in a big puffy purple suit to show us the way to salvation.

Smoochy is a singing and optimistic, eerily Barney-like, children's rhino created by grassroots, undyingly hopeful Sheldon Mopes (Ed Norton). KidNet, a children's television network and advertising conglomerate, needs Mopes' crystal-clean Smoochy to fill the time slot abandoned by deadbeat Rainbow Randolph, (played effectively by Robin Williams) due to some trouble with kickbacks and bribery. As Smoochy gains popularity among children and dumbwits, Mopes cashes in. Some unnamed, mysterious special interest groups start taking interest in annihilating Mopes and his Smoochy from all possible forms of television and real existence. The commercial and murderous nightmare of big fuschia singing animals and mayhem begins!



Death to Smoochie

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As stupid as some scenes in *Death to Smoochy* may appear, the actions and plot of the film actually hold up a mirror to a real world where money, greed and deception exist in milder forms. The supposed pure and innocent Rainbow Randolph's and Smoochy's children songs are actually laden with hilarious sexual interludes that make the songs dirty and riddled with smut. Off the set of the children's network shows, the executives and performers speak with unbridled profanity and throw around the word "smack" like it's a bouncy ball. Drugs, sex, cursing, poverty, organized crime, hits, crack, deception and blackmail are heavy threads through *Death to Smoochy's* plot and run side by side with themes of loyalty, friendship and love. The entire film is oxymoronic itself, and the constant contradictions between the disgust of adult human crime and cheeriness of children's television only slightly distorts the real contradictions that occur in our own world on a less obvious scale.

While presenting our own world with certain bends and curves, *Death to Smoochy* also provides belly laughs, absolutely genius dialogue, and amusing situational comedy that can make even the most skeptic person crack a smile. Robin Williams' signature physical comedy is, as always, clearly exemplified in his psychotic character. Ed Norton, unlike many of his other heavy roles in *American History X* and *Primal Fear*, embodies the incredibly smart and lovable idealist who stops at nothing to educate children of goodness and wholesomeness, concepts that are blatantly dismissed in this film. If not for the plot and the favorite actors, *Death to Smoochy* is a great chance to see John Stewart, favorite comedic host of *The Daily Show*, in a bad bowl-cut plastic wig. *Death to Smoochy* is a treat for the pessimists and optimists alike. Its crazy happenings and hilarious (and sometimes subliminal) wordplay just shows what a sick world this can be.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, April 18
5:30-7:30pm Student Union Lobby
Band "At This Moment"

Friday, April 19
10pm-Midnight Red Door
Double Piano Rock Band "Little Horse"

10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
Electronic Astrologer

Saturday, April 20
9pm Memorial Hall *"The Henry Awards"*

10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
Recording Booth & Photo Buttons

Mon 4/22 9pm Garden Room
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horoscopes

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Aries:
You've put in a lot of effort, and now one of your goals is about to be reached. Celebrate all of your hard work with the other people on the team.

Taurus:
Go ahead and buy that new outfit you've been wanting. You deserve it, Taurus, and besides, you'll want to look extra good for class on Monday — there's someone who'll definitely have their eye on you tomorrow.

Gemini:
It's time for Gemini to have some patience. Let everyone else go through the line first, even if you were there ahead of them.

Cancer:
If you started it, it's up to you to finish it. You might not be able to complete it all now, but you can at least make an effort.

Leo:
If you're looking for a definite 'yes' or 'no,' you've come to the wrong place and you're asking the wrong person. 'Maybe' is the best answer you're going to get today, Leo.

Virgo:
Forget about the stuff you're already familiar with. There are a lot of interesting things out there for you to participate in and learn about, Virgo — so get cracking

Libra:
It's nice to get what you want, but you'll have a tendency to go overboard right now. Take one and pass the rest on, Libra. Sharing will make you a lot more popular than hogging will.

Scorpio:
You've got some tough competition, Scorp, but it's nothing you can't handle. Focus on your own goals, and don't worry about what the other person is up to.

Sagittarius:
Puzzles and brainteasers are totally interesting right now. Try not to peek at the answers unless you're totally stumped and can't figure them out on your own.

Capricorn:
Take it easy today. If you can, stay in bed until noon, read a book or play a computer game. It's nice not to have any responsibilities, even if this period of slack only lasts a day.

Aquarius:
You'll find out something rather mind-blowing. Make sure you understand the situation completely before you react.

Pisces:
You don't need to have a lot of talent to be a superstar. Try painting, singing, acting or writing — you have a good chance at being successful no matter what creative process you attempt right now.

life! movie listings

AMC

High Crimes
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Big Trouble
Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

The Panic Room
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Rookie
Mon.-Thurs. 7:45

Death to Smoochy
Fri.-Sat. 4:20, 9:50
Sun. 4:20

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00

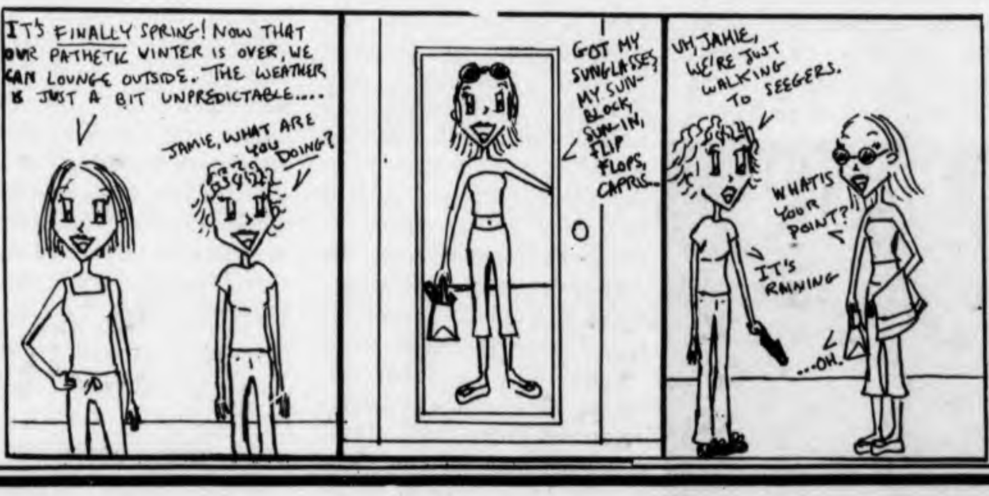
Ice Age
Fri. 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20

Blade 2: Bloodhunt
Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Showtime
Fri. 7:20
Sat.-Sun. 1:10, 7:20

Creative Corner

BY, AMANDA PHILLIPS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GOT MY SUNGLASSES, MY SUN-BLOCK, SUN-IN, FLIP FLOPS, CAPRIS...
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Write for Life!
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Mule continue winning

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The day before traveling to Western Maryland, the Mules faced Centennial Conference opponent Swarthmore at home on Friday. The Mules handled the Garnet, winning the game by the final score of 7-1. Pitching was once again strong for the Mules as Sophomore Chris O'Connor combined with relievers Senior Ryan White and Junior Kevin Komeshok for just a three-hitter on the day. O'Connor struck out five batters on the day and allowed just two singles for the Mules.

In the second inning, the Mules took advantage of Garnet errors as they scored four runs without a hit. The Mules capitalized on three straight Swarthmore walks and then two errors. More Muhlenberg offense came in the eighth inning, as the Carter had a two-RBI double to knock in the Mules' final runs of the game.

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Mules split in double-header versus Western Maryland

Baseball team on track to notching their best season in years

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Writer

Before its five-game winning streak was snapped against Western Maryland in the second game of a double-header on Saturday, the Mules had plenty of action in Westminster, Md. Senior Josh Carter pitched what is believed to be the first no-hitter in Muhlenberg history against the Green Terror on Saturday afternoon. With the win, Carter moves into a tie for fifth place all-time with 13 career wins. He is also sixth in strikeouts with 138.

Carter, who is the first Mule pitcher to earn six wins in a season since 1986, came out firing against Western Maryland, and only allowed five base runners throughout the course of the game. The runners all got on base on walks from Carter, but he made key pitches in tight spots to get himself out of jams. In the fifth inning, with the bases loaded on walks, Carter got the Green Terror's leadoff hitter to strike out looking.

Sophomore Chris O'Connor struck out five batters against Swarthmore.
PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Carter also provided the Mules with some offense in the game, as he drove in the first Mule run in the third inning with a two-out double. Carter's double got a rally started as Senior Ben Carr followed with a double of his own, and Senior Ben Leisawitz capped the inning with his first home run of the season, giving the Mules all the offense they would need in the game.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Green Terror came within a whisker of breaking Carter's no-hitter. Western Maryland hitter Todd Huber hit a chopping ground ball up the middle, which appeared to be headed for centerfield. Carter leaped up, and tipped the ball with his glove, but could not come down with it. It did not matter though, because Senior shortstop Mike Morris raced in front of second base, fielded the ball, turned and fired to Leisawitz at first, getting Huber by a step to preserve the no-hitter.

The Mules' pitching did not fare as well in the second game, as the Green Terror came out and scored eight runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Mules used four pitchers on the day to make it though a game that would see Western Maryland double up the Mules, 12-6. Despite the loss, the Mules are still in fourth place in the Conference with just four games to go. Their next closest competitors are three games back, and the top four teams qualify for the first-ever Conference Tournament.

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Carter on the prowl to break numerous records

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away from tying the school record for hits in a career with 175. Carter is also nine strikeouts away from breaking the record for a single season and two wins away from tying the twenty-two year old record of eight wins in a season.

Senior Josh Carter knocked in the Mules' first run of the day against Western Maryland on Saturday.
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:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Men's Tennis

Tue., April 9, the Mules suffered their first loss of the season, as they were downed by Drew, 3-4.

The Muhlenberg men's tennis team suffered its first two losses of the spring season, dropping 4-3 decisions to Drew in a match that ended late Tuesday night and to Franklin & Marshall on Wednesday. The Mules, who have played 4-3 matches on three consecutive days, are 7-2 overall, 3-1 in the Centennial Conference.

The No. 1 doubles team of juniors Brad Scheller and Matt Fleissig won in both matches to stay undefeated for the season at 8-0. Muhlenberg swept the doubles against F&M, but dropped four of the six singles matches.

Freshman Jeff Kraft also kept his undefeated record intact, improving to 9-0 at No. 4 singles with a 6-0, 6-0 shutout in the F&M match.

Softball

Tue., April 9, the Mules faced Swarthmore in a Double-header , and defeated them in both games 6-1, 6-1.

The Muhlenberg softball team sweated out a seventh-inning rally before hanging on to defeat Susquehanna, 9-8, and earn a split of its home opener. The Crusaders took the first game, 3-2 in eight innings.

That seventh inning produced the only sweating that went on during the second game, which was played in intermittent snow flurries and temperatures that hovered around degrees.

The Mules (7-3) scored five runs in the first inning of Game 2, two coming in on a triple by sophomore Danielle DeLucia, then extended their lead to 7-0 the next inning on a two-out, two-run double by sophomore Kate Dischino.

Muhlenberg led 9-3 heading into the seventh, but Susquehanna (7-6-1) scored three runs on five straight hits off DeLucia. Freshman Ally Ogden came on in relief and hit the first two batters she faced, forcing in one run, then walked the third to send another runner home. With the bases loaded and the potential tying run on third, Ogden induced back-to-back ground balls that resulted in forceout at home, ending the game.

The win gave Ruth Gibbs 106 career victories in her five-plus seasons as head coach, tying the team record set by Brian Bodine (1985-90).

In the first game, the Mules trailed 2-1 when junior Meghan Woods led off the bottom of the sixth by ripping the ball down the right-field line and circling the bases for her second home run of the season.

Susquehanna, the defending Commonwealth Conference regular-season co-champion, scored the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth, which was played under tiebreaker rules. Muhlenberg had runners on second and third with nobody out in the bottom of the inning but could not push the tying run across.

Phi Mu Congratulates Our New Sisters:

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Facts & Figures

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The number of hits Senior pitcher Josh Carter gave up against Western Maryland in his win on Saturday. The no-hitter is believed to be the first in College history.

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The number of points Moravian leads Muhlenberg in the Matte Award standings for this school year. The Mules can tie the Greyhounds if men's golf beats Moravian at the Lehigh Valley Championship on Tuesday.

2

The number of games the women's softball team took from nationally ranked Moravian College on Tuesday. This marked the first time the Greyhounds have been swept in a double-header all season.

3

The number of Mule athletes honored by the Centennial Conference this week. Junior Meghan Woods was named "Softball player of the week," Sophomore Danielle DeLucia was named "Softball pitcher of the week" and Senior Josh Carter was named "Baseball pitcher of the week."

7

The number of hat tricks Senior women's lacrosse player Teresa Lunardi has scored this season. Lunardi also became the seventh player to reach 100 goals in her career.

12

The number of matches Freshman Jeff Kraft has won this season. He and the number one doubles team of Juniors Brad Scheller and Matt Fleissig remain undefeated on the season.

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The number of points Freshman John Brodowski scored as he set the decathlon record at Millersville on Saturday. This total qualifies him for the ECAC Outdoor Championships.

Mules remain consistent swinging the clubs

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Writer

The men's spring golf season teed off three weeks ago with the Mules participating in the York Invitational. The host college won the tournament with a total score of 304 and the Mules finished ninth with 334.

Mule golfers, Sophomore Matt Katz and Senior Kevin FitzPatrick tied for twenty-first place overall with 81, which was seven strokes off the pace set by the first place finisher from York.

The Mules second tournament of the season was the Moravian Spring Invitational, held Friday, April 5.

As a team, the Mules were just three strokes behind the Greyhounds, who finished the day with 323.

All five Muhlenberg golfers shot within three strokes of one and other, while Sophomore Jesse Neider finished with an 80, five shots behind the leader. This score was enough to earn Neider a tie for 13th place.

Other Mule golfers competing were Seniors Rich Jacobs (81), FitzPatrick (83), Junior Ryan Vogal (83), and Katz (82). The Mules did not fare as well at Elizabethtown's Blue Jay Classic held on April 10.

The Mules finished 11th out of 17 teams and were paced by FitzPatrick and Freshman Eric Rubin, who each shot an 82. A Gettysburg golfer, whom the Mules will see again in the Centennial Conference Tournament, won the Blue Jay Classic, shooting a 73.

The College's B team traveled to Susquehanna on April 11, where they again placed 11th. The Mules had a combined score of 346. Competing golfers were Sophomores Greg Nicolls, Joe Bedway, and Scott Gill, Freshman Weston Happ, and Junior Todd Scolnick. The women's golf team has competed in two tournaments so far this spring, neither of which has been a team-scoring event for the Mules.

In the first tournament, Muhlenberg's own Spring Classic, Senior Elizabeth Phillips finished highest of the three Mule golfers with a 132 on the day.

The women's second tournament was the Dickinson Invitational, held last Friday. Senior Kathryn Baker tied for twelfth place, shooting 110 on the day. Women's golf travels to Gettysburg tomorrow to compete with some Centennial Conference opponents, while the men host the Lehigh Valley Tournament on Tuesday, where they will once again have the opportunity to face off against local rival Moravian.

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Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

For the second straight year, the Chicago Bulls probably cost the Philadelphia 76ers home-court advantage in the playoffs. Jalen Rose scored 32 points, including two foul shots with two seconds remaining, leading the Bulls to a 98-96 victory over the Sixers on Monday night. The Sixers fell a half-game behind Orlando for the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference. The Magic hold the tiebreaker -- a 3-1 record against Philadelphia this season -- should the teams finish even. Last year, Philadelphia lost at home to Chicago in their final regular season game, and it cost them the home-court edge against the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals.

For the first time since Ron Hextall played in Philadelphia, the Flyers will begin the playoffs with the same goaltender in consecutive seasons. Coach Bill Barber said Monday that Roman Cechmanek will start over Brian Boucher when the Flyers open their Eastern Conference quarterfinals series against Ottawa on Wednesday. "He's an experienced guy who has put up some great numbers for us this year," Barber said. "He's made big saves. This was not an easy decision. It wasn't just Cechmanek and then it was over with."

Philadelphia Phillies starter Vicente Padilla took some time in finding his good pitches. Whatever he threw was good enough to beat the Cincinnati Reds. Padilla, used primarily as a reliever during stints with Arizona and Philadelphia, took a shutout into the ninth inning of a 3-1 victory Sunday over the Reds. "I didn't feel like I had very good stuff until about the third inning," Padilla said through an interpreter. "I didn't feel that good early, but then it clicked." And Padilla needed to be at his best as the Phillies managed to score just three runs, all in the third. "Offensively we're just not getting it done, there is no margin for error," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said.

Eagles offensive coordinator Rod Dowhower retired Wednesday after 21 years in the NFL and helping Philadelphia reach the NFC championship game last season. The 59-year-old Dowhower was the team's offensive coordinator for three years.

Scoreboard

Softball

Tue., April 9 vs. Swarthmore (*Double-header*), 10-1, 9-3.
Thr., April 11 at New Jersey (*Double-Header*), 0-3, 3-6.
Sat., April 13 at Washington(Md.) (*Double-Header*), 6-1, 3-1.

Women's Lacrosse

Thr., April 11 at East Stroudsberg, 4-16.
Sat., April 13 vs. Swarthmore, 5-10.

Men's Tennis

Wed., April 10 vs. Franklin & Marshall, 3-4.
Sat., April 13 at Western Maryland, 7-0.
Sun., April 14 vs. Stevens Tech, 6-1.

Women's Tennis

Fri., April 12 vs. New York University, 6-2.
Sat., April 13 at Western Maryland, 8-1.

Women's Golf

Kathryn Baker tied for twelfth place at Dickinson Invitational

Baseball

Fri., April 12 vs. Swarthmore 7-1.
Sat., April 13 at Western Maryland (Double-Header), 4-0, 6-12.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Women's tennis team captures seventh, eighth and ninth wins in a one loss season

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team faced adversity at the start of the week. Coming off of their first loss of the season to Johns Hopkins, the Mules had to refocus on the task at hand, bringing home a Centennial Conference championship.

It was only three days later that the Mules released all of their emotions by handing Franklin & Marshall a 7-2 loss in Lancaster.

Behind solid victories in all three of the doubles matchups, the Mules did not have to play singles perfectly to ensure a conference win on the day.

Though the Mules won only four of six matches in singles competition this was enough to knock F&M out of first place tie with the Mules and Washington. This, however, was only the first step for the Mules in a very successful week of play.

The women's tennis team flexed its muscles in their contest last Friday against 7-1 New York University. Also coming to the match with an impressive 7-1 overall record, the Mules took aim at the Violets in an attempt to take a run at the top position in the Centennial Conference standings.

Sophomore Gena Ross coupled with Freshman Emily Oster made for too tough of a doubles duo for NYU to take. They managed defeating the competition 8-3.

The combination Sophomores of Sarah Niebler and Megan Schreiber also defeated the pair they were matched with by the same score.

Not all doubles matches were won so easily. The team of Sophomore Mackenzie Parke and Senior Jennifer Chung were forced into a tiebreaker, but they won the marathon match, 9-8 (7-5).

After sweeping the doubles matches, the Mules had to finish strong with their singles matches before securing another win. Ross led the charge winning her match 6-3, 6-0.

Oster who won 6-1, 6-4 followed up Ross.

This all led the Mules to their ninth win of the season and kept them tied with Washington (Md.) and Johns Hopkins for first place in the CC standings.

Equally as good news as the win came to the Mules later that afternoon when news came that Franklin and Marshall (5-2) defeated Johns Hopkins (5-2).

This in turn left the Mules tied with Washington for first place in the conference. With the Mules still having four more matches (all against teams with losing records), they have a legitimate shot at a Centennial Conferene championship.

From there, it was the Mules' job not to look too far ahead and concentrate on their each individual match as it came.

This was just the attitude that the team took when preparing to face a disappointing, winless Western Maryland team.

In their six singles matches against the Green Terror, the Mules only conceded six games total. Paced by Schreiber and Niebler, there were no Mules who let up more than one game in any singles' set during the course of the relatively short competition.

The doubles matches proved to lack a challenge for the combination of Parke and Chung, while Ross and Oster continued their winning ways posting an impressive 8-1 tally.

Though for the remainder of the season, Washington has a similarly light schedule as to the Mules, the Mules are still hopeful for a lone Centennial Conference title.

Sophomore Mackenzie Parke serves in her doubles match against NYU. Parke teamed with Senior Jenn Chung to win a close match, 9-8 (7-5).

Photo by Scott Swartz

Carter ensures a spot in the history books

Senior Joshua Carter throws first no-hitter in school history

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, Senior Joshua Carter had an accomplishment that landed him not only in the Muhlenberg College history books, but those of the Centennial Conference as well. Carter became the first known player in the College's long history to have thrown a no-hitter, and only the third in Conference history.

This earned Carter the title of Centennial Conference pitcher of the week for the second time in his career.

Carter came into the game against Western Maryland (13-10) with an earned run average of 2.80, and a 6-2 overall record.

This win also made Carter the first Mule to have a six win season since 1986, and helped lead the Mules to their best record in years at 17-12.

Senior Josh Carter is 6-2 on the season.

Photo by Marc Rogol

Though Carter receives the bulk of his accolades for his pitching, he contributes with the bat as well. Carter leads the Mules with a .377 batting average and 16 runs batted in.

In this 4-0 lashing of Western Maryland in the first game of a double-header, Carter was able to balance his strikeouts (8) with his walks (5). Carter also batted in what turned out to be the game winning run in the third inning.

With only six games left in their season, and an equal amount in Joshua Carter's baseball career at Muhlenberg, he is on the verge of breaking several school records. Carter stands one hit

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Henry Awards surprise all

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

With a marriage proposal, a family that survived near tragedy and a musical tribute to Sept. 11 all amidst candlelit tables and bouquets of flowers, the fourth annual Henry Awards ceremony was anything but bland this year.

Starting the night off with a surprise, Jimmy Goodstein '02 came to the stage to propose to his girlfriend, Ashley Nevendumont '02. He addressed Ashley saying, "I wanted to tell you how much I love you... and ask you if you'd make the rest of my life just as happy." The crowd was shocked and thrilled, breaking out into applause for the couple.

Hosts, Nicole Cerone '02 and Adam Kemmerer '02, came out and introduced the awards ceremony following Jimmy G's proposal. They filled the time between awards with reenactments of theatrical nominees, 24-hour Marathon Theatre, *Here Comes Bride* and *The Vagina Monologues*. They also amused the crowd with a short film about Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Lutheran patriarch that the College and awards ceremony is named after.

The ceremony was in honor of the Gordon family. Stacey Gordon '03, chairperson of the Planning Committee for the awards, had to juggle family with school this semester. Her mother, Nancy Gordon, suffered and survived a brain aneurysm.

"The past two months have been the most trying times in my life, but I learned that if we work hard at something, we can do it," said Stacey Gordon.

"They are the best of our image as a family," explained Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director / Jewish Chaplain, as she announced the dedication to the Gordons.

In honor of the Gordon family, Scott Fried, motivational speaker and friend of the College came to the ceremony. Addressing the Gordons, he said, "Thank you for reminding us to believe in miracles." The crowd gave the Gordon family a standing ovation.

Gratitude for the work of others was heavily present as each winner of an award thanked others for their success.

Christina Liciaga '05, winner of the Rookie of the Year award, walked to the stage with the two other nominees, Alex Joujan '05 and Ryan Kavalsky '05. Liciaga thanked everyone at the College, saying that, "Your lives are examples to me, and I hope I am an example for you."

Dave Basner '02, winner of the Programmer of the Year award for his planning of events on campus, dedicated his award to Becky Grace, Director of Student Activities, saying that, "it is incredible how much she does."

Also recognizing the work of others, Theresa Leinker '02, winner of the Helping Hand award, said, "There's a saying that we're all here because of other people... I

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Nancy Grove '02, Nate Pickowicz '02, Susan Marchiano '04 and Mark Lesko '02 (from top clockwise) were all winners at the Henry Awards.

Photos Courtesy of Jay Dombi

Results in for DTD's hearing

By Lauren Wiesner
Asst. News Editor

The Judicial Board hearing held last Wednesday brought unwanted sanctions for hazing incidents to the College's Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity chapter. The fraternity will be suspended for the 2002-2003 school year, and the brothers will lose their house for the year.

During the coming year, the DTD brothers are required to create and direct a school-wide program about hazing. All DTD brothers must also complete a work service project by the end of the year.

Beginning the 2003-2004 school year, DTD National Headquarters will restart the fraternity on campus through a recolonization process. The current 16 DTD members that will be seniors during the 2003-2004 school year will become brothers again and begin the chapter during the recolonization process.

Once recolonization begins, the College will discuss returning the DTD house to the brothers. Until recolonization, the DTD house will be used as another off campus housing option.

At the hearing, between 15 and 20 brothers were called as witnesses. Currently, 10 brothers have been referred to the Judicial Board, and two brothers must go before a Hearing Board. Brothers referred to the Judicial Board and Hearing Board have been chosen to take responsibility for the incidents because of their ranked position in the fraternity, rather than from

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Trustees visit for semi-annual board meeting

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

The College's Board of Trustees discussed many important issues that the College faces during its biannual meeting on campus last week. The trustees are organized into different committees, covering such areas as admission, development, alumni and academic life, all which met on Thursday. The Board meets twice a year, once in April and again in October. The entire board met on Friday.

Adam Marles '02, a Student Board Observer, described the part of the meeting that he was involved in: "We discussed the construction on

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Henry Awards provide opportunity

Muhlenberg College is constantly recognizing and applauding student achievement -- whether in academics, athletics, or the arts. Students are praised for their hard work, their tireless efforts, which ultimately produce their impressive accomplishments. The Henry Awards, named in honor of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, are a prime example of this. Only recently established a few years ago, The Henry Awards provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge both students and faculty who have stepped beyond the call of duty; they have proved themselves as active enthusiastic members of the Muhlenberg family. Many have selflessly given their time and energy to better the College community, and as was illustrated this past Saturday night, these individuals have clearly left their mark.

From athletes to teachers to community service volunteers, these honored students and faculty have proven themselves as exemplary individuals. And yet, they have not only succeeded in those areas where they were awarded. They have succeeded in best representing the College and in serving as role models for fellow students and faculty. This is evident since The Henry Awards is not a private ceremony where only those recognized and their families are invited; instead, this awards ceremony invites and includes the entire college community to cheer on their fellow classmates and friends and applaud their accomplishments.

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Therefore, the College has surely taken this opportunity, these few hours on an April Saturday night, to recognize these remarkable people and to present them as prime examples of what their peers should seek to emulate. And what further verified why these individuals were deserving of their respective rewards were their acceptance speeches. First and foremost, they boldly asserted that they alone did not deserve the award given to them. Rather, they chose to share the honor of their awards with fellow nominees, the student body, and those individuals that have inspired them. These speeches are what in fact revealed that they have truly represented Muhlenberg, for what it stands for and for what it calls itself -- "The Caring College of Character."

Locked red doors

ELIZABETH
RAUPERS

ROYAL
RANTINGS

There are a few distinct issues that college students have the right to address. The size of the swimming pool, the length of quiet hours in dorms and alcohol policies may seem justified in their respective student debates, but do not hold any substantial weight with the administration and business of the college. However, the one and only service that makes all the difference, and is the ultimate defining factor of college attendance in the first place, is the college's provision of academics. This is Muhlenberg's primary business, the center of the sale and yes, in this area of concern, we students are entitled to our opinions.

I work at the Office of Information and Technology about two nights a week, and for most of the week, the building closes at 2 a.m., excluding Fridays and Saturdays in which the building is closed at 7 p.m. In the time I have been there, more students than I can remember have complained to me about the "early" closing hours, sometimes even earlier than the actual stated hours.

Last Friday, before leaving for a tournament that would absorb my whole weekend into Sunday night, I walked to Trexler Library to print out a copy of a paper that needed to be handed in Monday. I was in complete disbelief in finding the doors locked at 10:30 p.m. Let us be frank in admitting that college students frequently work at odd hours and also leave work to the last minute; the habits come with the lifestyle, and all Muhlenberg students can relate. That a college's academic buildings are closed and locked as early as 1 a.m on weeknights and 10 p.m. on weekends is a dishonor and a discouragement from feeling like we, as students, always have the opportunity to get work done on our own time.

Not only do locked buildings send out the message to students that they should not be in a library on a Friday or Saturday night, but they also set limits to the times that students have to accomplish their work. Given, it is extraordinarily rare for most college students to be actively wanting to spend their weekends or late nights in a library or computer lab, and I also realize that most of my Friday and Saturday nights are spent doing vastly different activities. But that is no excuse for those students who may actually use their weekend nights as study nights and their weeknights as social time.

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The idea of a college springs from the belief that the entire environment surrounding the student should be conducive and open to academics. During weekdays, students will stay up all hours of the night to finish projects; if we are required to live on campus for most of our time at Muhlenberg, and are required to assume the respective role of a 24 hour student, should this not also be a 24 hour college?

Why Russian is a language well worth learning

Rachel Miller
Weekly Guest Columnist

As a teenager growing up in Baltimore, I was surrounded by the words and sounds of the Russian language. My closest friends in high school were Russian and it was always interesting to hear them alternate between English and Russian when they were just speaking to one another.

My piano teachers were also Russian and one teacher would bring me sheet music with the titles and composers' names in the language. From listening to my friends and teachers speak the language, I grew eager to learn Russian myself. My friends would talk of their parents and grandparents who couldn't speak much English and therefore had to rely on their children to interpret for them.

One of the most frustrating things is to be unable to express oneself. I realized how much help I could be to such people by learning Russian. I would then be just one more person who could understand them and communicate with them and perhaps help them perfect their English. As an English major here, I naturally love "language," and foreign languages have become very important to me.

When I first came to Muhlenberg and sought to fulfill my foreign language requirement, I decided to take Russian because I wanted to understand the language that had been spoken around me for years. I looked forward to learning a language completely from scratch -- a language with a different alphabet and a wonderful sound.

I also felt that Russian would help me to expand my expressive capabilities, since I could compare it to English and French and find the similarities and differences between the languages.

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I began Russian this past fall and the experience of learning this language has proved to be very rewarding. Learning the Russian alphabet was surprisingly easy, since the middle section of it sounds just like letters in the English alphabet. As I was surprised and pleased to find, Russian has many cognates, which make the language even more accessible.

Another interesting aspect of the language is its elimination of the "to be" verbs in the present tense, revealing that Russian is a straightforward, understandable language. My classes are small and allow more opportunity for questions and explanations from the professor. We also learn about Russian culture, etiquette, politics and even college life in class. For one class, we ate breakfast together and learned the words for various foods in Russian.

One of my best experiences in the Russian program was the trip we took to New York to a Russian restaurant and Russian ballet. I ordered food in Russian and tasted all sorts of new fish and cheeses. At the ballet, people were speaking Russian all around me and I was excited when I could understand even a few words of what they were saying.

Until lately, I hadn't realized the number of movies in our culture that contain bits of Russian conversation, such as the films *Thirteen Days* and *Dr. Strangelove*. It is rewarding to watch such movies and understand what the Russian-speaking characters are saying. Russian, as with all languages, is readily accessible through the combination of classroom study, films, literature, and conversations with fellow Russian speakers.

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College students leading double lives

RACHEL KLEINER

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

So I'm sitting on the benches in front of Brown Hall writing my final newspaper article of the year -- ironically enough on the day when Muhlenberg is holding its "Through the Red Doors" program for high school seniors.

It seems strange that already my freshman year is ending and the new class is getting ready to arrive. We are all preparing to go home, pack up our things and leave until classes begin again at the end of August.

This is where my problem (and topic for this article) lies. Every student that attends college in America, or at least a great majority of them, has a summer break that is equivalent to one third of the time they are actually in school.

Basically, because of this extended period of time that all of us are away from campus we are in essence leading two totally separate lives; one life at home as the child we were and one at our "home away from home" as the adults we have become. We have different sets of friends, different things to do, and maybe even completely different personalities at these two conflicting places in our lives. My question is, is this the best possible scenario?

Now, I am not protesting our extended vacation at all. I enjoy being at home, spending time with my friends and family and not having any work to do. The issue is, when students come back in the fall, what has happened to the lives they lead here? Have friendships faltered because of the time apart? Must relationships be forged all over again because of the lack of contact over the summer?

I mean, seriously, if you live in New Jersey (as I do), what are the chances that you will be heading out to Chicago, or Baltimore, or even Connecticut, to see your fellow Mules. Once each of us gets home, our college life drifts into the back of our minds until late summer rolls around.

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In high school, the only difference between the school year and the summer was that you had no work to do; now the difference is literally miles apart.

To tell you the truth, what really sparked this article was a quote that my friend had on her AIM profile (which shows you how important technology has become). It was an excerpt from a passage entitled "The Golden Year" and after reading it, I immediately forwarded it to all of my friends with the subject line "must read!!!"

I was struck by how many things I related to and especially as a freshman, the fear instilled in me about going home to a place that I have, in a sense, "grown out of." I'm sure some of you have read it already but I'm just going to end my final article of the year with its first and last line.

"A year has passed and now we stand on the brink of returning to a world where we are surrounded by the paradox of everything and yet nothing being the same...Are you ready?"

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Whenever I tell people that I speak Russian, they are instantly impressed, because it is not studied as much as the Romantic languages are, and therefore has a somewhat "mysterious" aura about it. Because of my love for the language and my positive experiences in my Russian classes, I have added a Russian minor to my English major and look forward to continuing my Russian studies.

Russian is a beautiful-sounding language and well worth learning.

Russian is a beautiful-sounding language and well worth learning. For those interested in expanding their expressive capabilities and learning a new, interesting, and impressive language, I recommend that they take Russian here at Muhlenberg.

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Weekly Discourse: Housing Lottery Numbers

Picked at random or based on campus involvement and GPA?

Adam Marles

Weekly Guest Columnist

The question seems simple enough to me, should lottery numbers be random or rewards? The answer seems painfully obvious as well: randomness is the only way to ensure fairness. If the College decides that GPA or class rank will determine one's lottery number it will abandon the purpose of its liberal arts focus. Who's to say that Joe is more deserving of a pick in the lottery because he has a 3.5 over John's 3.3?

Additionally, let us consider for a moment the implications of students on a slower learning curve or having trouble adjusting to college, especially as freshman. Are we to say to those that are struggling that they deserve a poorer place to live? What happened to the "Caring College?"

Random lottery picks assure several things. By giving those succeeding and struggling an equal chance at the most desired buildings on campus, we can at least in theory provide a community in which both groups can commune together and provide contributions to each other. If we segregate by lottery number, we put those that struggle but want to succeed at a disadvantage by taking away valuable resources that could be as close as next-door.

Random numbers also provide everyone involved with something to look forward to. Most people have a bad semester, why compound that disappointment with the knowledge that come next year, you won't like where you live, guaranteed?

Overall the question leaves one good answer: keep the lottery random. It works the way it is, and more people will feel detriment from the change that will see benefit.

Allison Newman

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Should lottery numbers be based on GPA and campus involvement? I think so.

First of all, I think that those who either run the clubs or are extremely involved should get better lottery numbers than those who sit on their butts, all day, and stare at the wall. These people are contributing, working hard and helping the College, why not reward them?

Once those involved in the campus community are given their numbers, I think that the rest of the students who don't participate in the college community should be given their numbers based on GPA.

Those with high GPAs, though they aren't involved in the campus life, work hard for their grades. I know that there are people who are naturally smart and don't work too hard for their grades but you can't tell whom those people are, so you must lump them together with those who work hard for their grades.

In many sororities on this campus, their system of housing is the same as this. They give the executive board first pick of rooms in the house, and then once they are finished they go by GPA and those with higher GPAs can pick before those with lower GPAs. Sorority houses are considered college housing, so why is their "lottery" different than the rest of the students who are not in sororities?

Should the housing lottery base its numbers on campus involvement and GPA? The answer is yes, those who work harder deserve a nicer place to live than those who are lazy and don't do much around the campus.

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Life after 'Berg

A closer look at Career Connections

By Wendy Eichler
Asst. News Editor

As graduation rapidly approaches for many students, the real world outside of the College seems increasingly close at hand. To make the transition easier, the College developed the Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP), which aims to work with students in developing the next step towards the future. The OCDP offers students a wide variety of ways to plan for the future such as giving job listings, critiquing resumes, holding job search workshops and many other services for students.

> *"It's been a great experience in terms of talking with someone out in the field already."*
>
> Elyssa Rosenbaum '02

Lynda Garow, the Director of the OCDP, described the numerous ways in which the programs and services offered could easily be used by students of all academic interests and class years. She and Assistant Director Maureen Walz also explained how the small size of the College's student body makes the OCDP's services much more personal and allows for more individual attention to be paid to each student's needs.

The Muhlenberg Shadow Program, which gives students an opportunity to spend a day or part of a day on the job with alumni, is an example of a successful program instituted by the OCDP. Elyssa Rosenbaum '02 has participated in this event every year beginning as a first year student. She said, "It's been a great experience in terms of talking with someone out in the field already, making a contact, networking with others in the office, chatting with a Muhlenberg alum, etc." She also commented on how supportive and reassuring Garow, Walz and Career Counselor Cailin Pachter have been in assisting her.

The OCDP uses a web-based resume, recruitment and data management system called Career Connections to help students 24 hours a day. Career Connections enables students to submit resumes, sign up for interviews, receive updates about all OCDP services, participate in the recruiting program and have access to job/internship information. Many students also use Career Connections to post their resumes in a Web Resume Book for employers to view online.

Jessica Carton '02, a religion major, posted her resume on Career Connections in November. She has not received any responses and believes that Career Connections seems to "cater to certain majors," such as business and communications. She feels that other majors like philosophy, religion and psychology are not represented.

Keri Nork '02, who posted her resume on Career Connections in the fall of 2000, holds a similar opinion of the OCDP. She believes that it benefits particular majors, like business, but in terms of representing other majors, the OCDP is "not all that varied."

Linda Garow, Director of the OCDP, says her office has a lot to offer students that are hunting for jobs.
Photo By Kelly Lehman

Garow explained Carton and Nork's opinions of the OCDP through the specific kinds of companies interested in these majors. She described how students would see more business-oriented job listings because of companies' hiring patterns. Certain organizations that can predict their future hiring needs would be more likely to use the Career Connections service rather than other organizations that cannot. Many non-profit and social organizations don't hire that way, said Garow, and therefore would not be able to recruit in a similar manner. Other organizations use the "just in time" recruiting method, in which they recruit specifically during the times of need.

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Changes to Seegers discussed at Trustees meeting

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campus and its impact on students, the Wood contract, new computer labs, the antiquated e-mail system and hand-me-down office computers, athletics' recent success and the amazing job our understaffed Campus Safety department does."

College Chaplain Rev. Peter Bredlau, the Chapel House, Faith Works and Lutheran students presented to Board members on Friday. The Trustees were also shown the new plans for Seegers Union and the Life Sports Center. The plans for construction were well received, according to Meredith Frimpter, Executive Assistant to President Arthur Taylor. "The Board is very happy with the direction the College is taking," she said. Frimpter added that two new trustees were added this year, Raymond Singer '80 and Gregory Fox '76. Two other trustees, Karl Peckmann and Rev. Rosa Key, will leave the Board as their terms expire August 30.

Also discussed at the Board meeting was the College's Capital Campaign, which is a $70 million campaign called "Pride and Progress." The funds go toward different components of improving the College, such as the upcoming building renovations to Seegers. Frimpter described how "about $16 million is earmarked for scholarships, financial aid and new professorial chairs."

Additionally, faculty tenure and promotions were announced. Curtis Dretsch, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, released a list of promotions for the College faculty.

Dr. Bruce Wightman was promoted to rank of Associate Professor Biology and granted tenure, and Dr. Laura Snodgrass was promoted to the rank of Professor of Psychology. In addition, Dr. Alan Mittleman was promoted to the rank of Professor of Religion, while Dr. Douglas Ovens was promoted to the rank of Professor of Music. Lastly, Dr. Jill Stephen was promoted to the rank of Professor of English.

The Board's meeting and the new promotions for faculty members are steps towards improving the College.

The College caters to vegetarian needs

By Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly News Writer

Nutrition and healthy eating has become a major concern for college students, not only at the College, but also nationwide. With such busy schedules, grabbing a slice of pizza from GQ is much easier than fitting a healthy diet into students' lives.

The Garden Room is attempting to accommodate for all students' nutritional needs. Over the past couple of years, the "Vegetarian Section" of Garden Room has expanded tremendously. Offering everything from meatless lasagna to a variety of vegetables, vegetarians have many more options this year. Deena Cohen '04 commented, "There's a good variety. They have vegetables, salads and pasta."

Also according to Cohen, "They're pretty accommodating. Tonight they were making salads with bacon, and they took the bacon out for me."

Even at this year's Open House for accepted students, Through The Red Doors, the College offered an entire vegetarian section.

Delta Zeta (DZ) sorority has recognized the importance of healthy eating in a college student's daily life and invited Sue Hurd, the Regional Dietician for Wood Dining management, to speak to the sisters of DZ.

Melissa Matzuk '03, Vice President of Programs for the sorority, was responsible for bringing Hurd to speak to DZ. Matzuk commented, "We brought in this speaker because we realized the value of good nutrition in a college student's life."

Hurd covered topics ranging from healthy eating and living, to issues of eating disorders in both men and women.

Jen Hesser '03, commented, "Being a sorority of girls going into their twenties, it was nice to have a speaker talk to us, who could explain the changes we will go through as we mature."

College gives DTD a verdict

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involvement as perpetrators of the hazing incidents.

Because of these sanctions for the hazing incidents, the DTD chapter on campus does not know whether the National Headquarters will still be performing their investigation of the incidents in the fall as previously planned.

DTD brothers acknowledge the mistake of their actions. According to John Franzen '02, President of DTD, "The brotherhood is upset. I'm upset. We can't get angry... because we made a mistake, and we brought this upon ourselves."

Matt McGlaughlin '04, DTD brother, assents, "Most brothers will agree that we made a mistake, and we understand the seriousness of what we did... but we are a very valuable part of this campus. We contribute in many ways on campus." DTD has participated as a group in several community service projects at the College.

Judicial Officer Jane Schubert declined to comment, and Chip Hurd, Associate Dean and Director Greek Affairs, was also unavailable for comment.

The Henry's big winners

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would like to take this opportunity to recognize all student volunteers here on campus."

The Female and Male Athletes of the Year recognized their teammates for their success. Susan Marchiano '04 of the Women's Basketball team, described her teammates as, "They're my friends, my family and my teachers. Thank you for support both on and off the court. You're an amazing bunch of basketball players."

Mark Lesko '02 of the Men's Basketball team told the crowd that, "Everything I accomplished couldn't have been done without my teammates."

Thanking family, Jennifer McKee '02, winner of the Unsung Hero award, said, "I want to thank my parents because they are a prime example of Unsung Heroes." Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, winner of the People's Choice Faculty, also thanked family, saying that, "I owe everything I am as a man and soon as a father to my wife Dina."

Staff and faculty expressed their happiness to work at the College. "I am very lucky and happy to be here," mentioned Karen Dorney, Office Manager of Academic Support Services and winner of the People's Choice Support Staff.

Valerie Lane, winner of People's Choice Management for her work as Director of Community Services said, "I truly believe I have the best job on campus."

President Arthur Taylor and Kathryn Taylor introduced Dean Curtis Dretsch, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty as the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award. "While his lifetime is still a work in progress, what he's given us so far certainly merits the Lifetime Achievement Award," explained Mrs. Taylor.

Dretsch was very touched and honored to accept the award and said, "I cannot imagine feeling luckier and more privileged than to be able to serve [the College community]."

The V-day events were recognized with two awards, claiming Event of the Year for V-day itself and Theatrical Performance of the Year *for The Vagina Monologues*. V-day raised $10,000 for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.

Awards were also given to the Jazz Ensemble for Dance Performance of the Year, Elliot Silver '02 for Greek Leader of the Year, Tour Guides for Organization of the Year, Elias Saratovsky '02 for People's Choice Student Leader, Nancy Grove '02 for the Trailblazer award, Jennifer Epting '03 for the Published Writer of the Year and Stephen Soroka '03 for Esprit de Corps.

Professor Scott Sherk and the Art Association were given an honorable mention for the Sept. 11 clay figurine Memorial Project. Freshman Ryan Kavalsky performed a self-composed piano piece in memory of the lives affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

> *"Your lives are examples to me, and I hope I am an example for you."*
>
> Christina Liciaga '05

The Donson Project also performed at the ceremony. Nate Pickowicz '02, winner of the Musical Performance of the Year, played as well. Commenting on his award, Pickowicz said, "This award is great, but the smiles on your faces mean so much more."

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - Bishop Edward P. Cullen, in a strongly worded letter read at weekend Masses, apologized to the victims and to the 269,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown for alleged sexual abuse of minors by diocesan priests. The pastoral letter marked the first time Cullen has spoken directly to his congregants on the issue that has led to the removal of six priests from the diocese and hundreds across the nation in recent months. "I clearly state my profound sorrow that a few of our priests have caused them [victims] such deep pain and anguish," Cullen wrote in the four-page missive that was read by priests in place of the homily, a section of the Mass in which priests usually give a sermon.

Lehigh University - Five years ago, Zoellner Arts Center on the Lehigh University campus in Bethlehem opened its doors to acrobats, musicians, thespians, painters and sculptors. Thousands came to look and listen. Sunday, they came again. But Sunday was more than an anniversary for a structure. It was a celebration of the rich cultural heritage at the university embodied in the various arts disciplines. Jazz and classical music, snippets of Shakespeare and Neil Simon and works of art crafted by hand and camera were offered in "Palette," a sampling of the arts. Eric Pilarczyk, a junior mechanical engineer major and cellist who plays in the Lehigh University Philharmonic, donned a tuxedo for performances of Beethoven and Brahms. "It is nice to bring everyone together for groups of performances here today," he said.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Light Rain
High: 67	High: 66	High: 66
Low: 39	Low: 45	Low: 39

CLOSING TIME

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls will be closing on the following date and time:

For All Students

Saturday, May 11, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

If you have questions call the Office of Residential Services at X3180

Student Council sets goals for fall

By Michelle Quirk
Weekly News Writer

The College's Student Government, led by newly elected president Seth Williams '03, is rapidly planning events for the upcoming year.

Williams hopes to integrate the student body and the administration at the College. He is implementing an Advisory Cabinet to aid him in the process of bringing the campus together. Roundtable discussions will take place on a monthly basis to discuss and convey student and management concerns.

> *"Things will definitely get done with these motivated individuals on council."*
>
> Mike O'Rourke '05

"My number one priority is to work with the student body and the managers of the College to foster better communication and greater understanding between the two," said Williams.

Acting as one of the four executive board members in assisting the president, recording secretary Mike Yellin '05 has been working on a project of his own. He is in charge of the Muhlenberg Student Council website, which was created last year and is updated regularly. It can be found under the student organizations section of the home page for the College's website.

"We are hoping to attract a greater interest in our organization, as well as be more accessible to the Muhlenberg student body by being available in an E-Format," said Yellin.

Chaired by representative Josh Brookstein '03, the food committee is actively working to expand food selection as well as venue location on campus.

"Currently we are investigating the possibility of installing a food venue in the Martin Luther Underground to give East end students a closer option for food," said Brookstein.

The campus and community affairs committee chaired by freshman Christina Liciaga is working on developing stronger links between council and the student body as well as the community.

Liciaga is working with the committee to involve more college clubs that are active on campus. "Currently, we are working on having a charity ball at a local hotel which would be open to all [class years]," said Liciaga.

The event will take place this coming November and the money received will be donated to five charities in the Allentown area.

Freshman class president, Mike O'Rourke would like to see more community service events taking place within council next year. He feels that a better connection between the student council and the student body will take place in the near future as well.

"The representatives from the Class of '05 are an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic group," said O'Rourke. "Things will definitely get done with these motivated individuals on council."

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Campus Safety Notes

April 16 – Unauthorized Party – TKE fraternity held an unregistered party after Greek Week.

April 17 – Attempted Theft/Entry – A lock on a cooler in the M.W. Wood kitchen area of the basement in Seegers Union was found tampered with.

April 17 – Vehicle Violation – A vehicle parked in the Trexler Pavilion parking lot was towed for outstanding parking fines. It was also illegally parked in a handicapped spot.

April 18 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A car accident occurred on the 400 block of Albright Street. There was minor damage and no one was hurt.

April 18 – Check Welfare – A parent was not able to contact her child and called Campus Safety. Campus Safety had the student call home.

April 18 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Two students were involved in a minor car accident on 26th and Chew Streets. There were no injuries and both cars had minor damage.

April 18 – Injured Student – A field hockey ball hit a student in the face in the Life Sports Center. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

April 19 – Intoxicated Person/Disorderly Conduct – Sarah Murray of the Tremont Apartments was arrested at the 1900 block of Chew Street for disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

April 19 – Disorderly Conduct – Two students were found misbehaving on the 2200 block of Chew Street. One student had a can of paint in possession, which he intended to throw on he Campus Safety patrol vehicle.

April 19 – Alcohol Violation – One student was found with possession of alcohol on Chew Street. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

April 19 – Vandalism – A broken window was found in South Hall.

April 19 – Malicious Mischief – Two white pine trees were found cut down on the Trexler Pavilion lawn.

April 19 – Theft – A Power Point projector was stolen from Seegers Union. It has not been recovered.

April 19 – Terroristic Threat – A roommate dispute occurred in Martin Luther Hall. Both students were referred to the Judicial Process.

April 20 – Sick Student – A Brown Hall resident reported to be sick was found intoxicated. The student was transported to the hospital and later referred to the Judicial Process.

April 20 – Alcohol Violation – A student was found drinking in Brown Hall. The student was charged with disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol and was referred to the Judicial Process.

April 20 – Disorderly Conduct – A reported disturbance was made at 2241-2243 Liberty Street. The report is currently under investigation.

April 20 – Motor Vehicle Accident – An M.W. Wood truck struck a light pole in front of the Center for the Arts.

April 20 – Vandalism – A white advertisement bed sheet was taken from AXO sorority. It was recovered later that afternoon.

April 20 – Unauthorized Person – An unauthorized person was found in the Campus Safety Headquarters. The individual was issued a

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Racers hit A-town

Racers prepare for the Half Marathon on Sunday in Allentown (below). The race began with a fast start (above).

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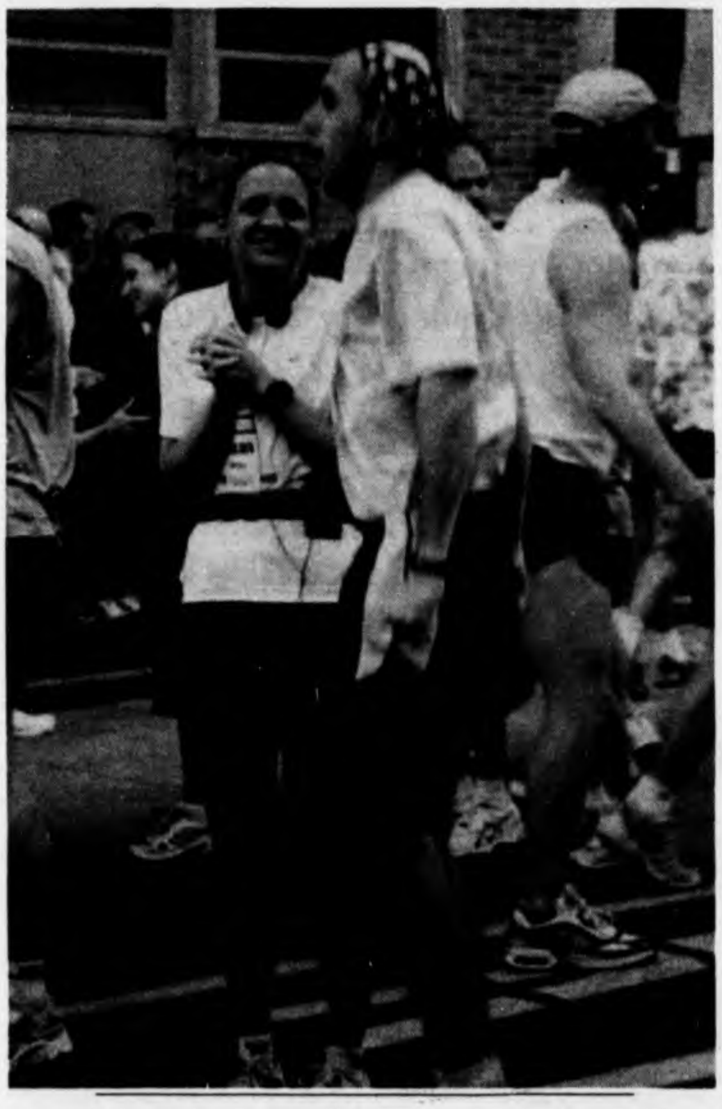

OCDP serves students

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Garow stressed this variety in recruitment as an important reason for students to register in Career Connections. Registering also allows the OCDP to identify students by their interest areas and possibly set them up with a correlating job or internship.

Both Carton and Nork have used the OCDP for other services as well as posting their resumes. Carton receives numerous weekly emails from the OCDP, and Nork said Career Connections "gave me a chance to submit my resume to different companies." Nork believes that the OCDP tries to "get you motivated, but doesn't provide you with a direction." That is why she has decided to post her resume on another website which she believes would be seen by more people and would get more responses.

However, Garow and Walz emphasize that "if students think that Career Connections can't help them, then the OCDP can't help them, and that is not the case." They encourage students to be more active in their job searches and stressed how the OCDP has much more to offer than students may believe.

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letter of trespass.

April 20 – Maintenance Problem – A mechanical problem was found with the pedestrian elevator in Seegers Union. It was later repaired and put into use.

April 21 – Vandalism -- A public Verizon telephone was found to be damaged outside Martin Luther Hall. The case is currently under investigation.

April 21 – Hit and Run – A student's car parked on 25th and Liberty Streets was found hit by an unknown vehicle.

April 21 – Alcohol Violation – Six students were found with alcohol in Walz Hall. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

April 21 – Vandalism – An emergency blue light cover was found smashed outside Benfer Hall.

April 22 – Sick Student – A Prosser Hall resident was found to be ill. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

April 22 – Injured Student – A student slipped on a bathroom floor in Martin Luther Hall.

April 23 - Theft - A theft occurred at 422 Albright Street.

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-WILLIAM JAMES

Question of the Week: *What would be your dream summer vacation?*

"Italy to visit my family and see where my dad grew up."
- *Julie Volonnino '04*

"A backpacking trip through Europe for the entire summer."
- *Ethan Feam '03*

"Anywhere tropical and exotic."
- *Elizabeth Thompson '03*

"Sitting on the beach in the Bahamas sipping on a strawberry daquiri."
- *Kathy Dague '03*

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Enter Through the Red Doors

Prospective students mingle in the Life Sports Center at Through the Red Doors.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT SWARTZ

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

Seniors from a variety of different high schools mingled with faculty and students and toured Muhlenberg's campus this past Saturday, April 20. The event marked the College's annual Through the Red Doors.

This program is a day during which high school seniors who have been accepted to Muhlenberg, but whom have not all decided to attend, can visit the College and see what it has to offer them. They are given the opportunity to speak with both faculty and students as well as to view many of the organizations in which they can be involved on campus.

Beginning at 8:45 a.m. on the overcast but warm Saturday morning, prospective students and their families had the choice of attending two "early arrival programs," which were the financial aid session and the student affairs panel. These programs provided both family members and prospective students with the opportunity to ask any questions they had pertaining to the subjects being discussed.

After the completion of the last "early arrival program" all of the visitors gathered in the Solar Corridor of the Life Sports Center where they were greeted by bunches of balloons and pastel-colored flowers. Adding to this welcoming ambiance was Ryan Kavalsky '05, who entertained the crowd as he effortlessly played the piano and greeted those who passed him with a friendly grin. During this time perspective students and their families also spoke with numerous students, faculty and members of the admissions staff. According to the admissions staff, 216 seniors had pre-registered for Through the Red Doors, but more were expected to attend. When asked how the day was going, Melissa Falk, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, stated that "So far every thing is going well and I'm happy that weather is holding up."

As 10:30 a.m. neared, the guests seated themselves on the bleachers in Memorial Hall. Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, was the first to speak as he welcomed the perspective students and their families to the college and then introduced Muhlenberg senior Adria Froehlic. She eloquently addressed common concerns facing high school seniors before entering college. She comforted them with the wonderful experiences she has accumulated over the past four years as well as encouraged them to attend Muhlenberg because as she commented, "We're all in this boat together. And this boat won't let you sink."

The final speaker of the morning was President Taylor, who discussed several different issues, but focused predominantly on the benefits of attending Muhlenberg. President Taylor described the College as "a big solid sphere," and commented that, "This is the calling of Katherine's and my life...to put before our students the choice of integrity." Upon the completion of the President's speech, prospective students and their families trickled out of Memorial Hall and into the Solar Corridor where they seemingly walked in time to Kavalsky's melodies. They prepared for their tours of both the campus and the freshman residence halls and ultimately for the end of August when they will make their first walk through the Red Doors.

Howie Day: A one-man acoustic show

By Joanna Bzik
Weekly Guest Writer

Howie Day. No, that's not a holiday celebrating the life of comedian Howie Mandell; but rather Howie Day refers to the singer/songwriter who performed on Monday night at the Empie Theatre.

Day pleased the extremely large and boisterous crowd with a set that lasted for an hour and 15 minutes. On the stage that he referred to as a "stage out of his nightmares," he played only an acoustic guitar. He was a master manipulator of the instrument, though, as he used various pedals and electronic devices that he referred to as his "computers" to record and play back chords, beats, and vocals. This gave the illusion of both a backup band and backup singer, which allowed Howie to harmonize with himself. The effects gave a very rich feel to his smooth music.

At the age of 21, Howie Day possesses passion and talent that is not often seen in the music industry. His music ranges from light and acoustic to heavy with intense vocals and electronic distortions. For the past few years he has been. traveling around the United States, playing at various colleges and clubs for increasingly large audiences. He has shared the stage with several other talented musical acts such as Guster, O.A.R., John Mayer and Pat McGee Band.

Here at the College, Howie played songs from his CD *Australia* such as "Morning After," "Secret" and "She Says," as well as other original songs like "Buzzing" and "After You." He also got the crowd laughing with some improvisational songs, a few of which were about Muhlenberg, the other about birds. He also entertained the crowd with bird noises, a "free light show" from the reflection off his guitar, and impromptu impressions of various musical performers such as Dave Matthews, Matchbox Twenty and Shakira.

Day drew a very excited response from the audience with his easy going personality and humble nature. He interrupted his set with clever anecdotes and stories from his childhood. Truly appreciative of all his fans, he repeatedly thanked everyone for attending, and he played along with the shouts from the audience. When one male fan screamed, "I want to have your babies," Howie shuddered and simply responded with, "I won't be able to eat for days."

After the show, Howie stayed and signed autographs for all of his waiting fans. He also had an interview with a few lucky students. As the audience left Empie they were still bustling about how much they enjoyed the show. Howie will probably be talked about for some time to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING????

Thursday, April 25

THE NOMADS *featuring Evan Weber & Brian Lempert* 9-11pm Red Door

Friday, April 26

EAST FEST 3-7PM EAST QUAD (rain...Field House)
Featuring GRANIAN & DJ Jared
Mechanical Bull/Duck Pond/Crazy Ball/
Color Wheel/Basketball/Potty Toss/Twister
Cotton Candy/SnoCones/Popcorn
BYOB FOR THOSE 21+
4:30-6:30pm Garden Room Closed....Dinner Will Be Part Of East Fest

7pm Movie **ALI** Red Door

9pm **KAREN'S CRUTCH** Red Door

10pm2am **PSYCHIC FAIR** Student Union

Saturday, April 27

ODK CARNIVAL Noon-2pm Library Lawn
(no rain location or rain date)
Carnival Proceeds will benefit a local Allentown agency
SOUL SHAKEDOWN 2-7pm Library Lawn
Lazer Tag/Swing Ride/Bouncy Boxing/Bungee Run
OVER 10 STUDENT BANDS WILL BE PERFORMING
The bands will perform rain or shine under the tent
4:30-6:30 Dinner in the Library Lawn (rain....Garden Room)
2:30-6:30pm *BYOB FOR THOSE 21+*

7pm Movie ALI Red Door
10pm - 2am Karaoke Red Door

Sunday, April 28

7pm Movie **ALI** Red Door

Wednesday, May 1 COMEDY IMPROV GROUP
9pm (Red Door) ***SOME THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE***

Center for Ethics: A Key Part of the Community

By Rachel Schatz
Weekly Staff Writer

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Logo of the Center for Ethics and Leadership

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One of the key aspects of community life and student activity that Muhlenberg remains whole-heartedly engaged in is community service. Another important issue Muhlenberg is very involved in is public awareness of globally relevant issues. In the past, the Center for Ethics has played an integral role in raising money and involving the campus and surrounding community in worthwhile projects that aid those in need, while in turn benefiting students here. Traditionally, each semester's project focuses on an issue that plagues people here both in the United States and third-world countries.

Last semester, the Center for Ethics and Leadership honed its efforts on education about world hunger with the Heifer project. The Center for Ethics worked collaboratively with other organizations on campus like the Dynamics to gain funding for the Heifer Project. Portions of funding from the Senior Citizens Ball and football games have helped to support the community service project, raising five-thousand dollars in all. In order to raise awareness, the community service office had also scheduled speakers and other various activities throughout the past semester. In essence, awareness and money in no way could have been raised without the hard work and dedication of the campus and local community as a whole.

The Center for Ethics has decided to take on a new venture. The project for this upcoming semester is themed The Boundaries of Home: Patriotism in a Global Era. With this theme in mind, the Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (LIRS) has chosen an organization called the Lost Boys and Lost Girls of Sudan to support this coming semester. This organization was established in order to help out the oppressed children of Sudan who still remain there, or who have fled as slaves due to oppressive societal conditions. Over time, ten thousand children have walked from Sudan to Kenya where they now reside in refugee camps. The United States government has already allowed 3,500 children to immigrate to the United States, yet thousands still remain in the refugee camps of Kenya. The Lost Boys and Lost Girls of Sudan employ their efforts and money in aiding these both in the United States and Kenya.

Like last semester the community service office would like to involve the entire campus to educate the students on our campus and in the local area about the Lost Boys and Lost Girls project. The office's main goal, similar to last semester, is to raise as much awareness about the cause as possible, and to involve a diverse collaboration of different organizations in raising money and becoming involved.

Write for Life!

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SNAP: a fun first-year festival of talent

By Chrissy Culotta
Weekly Staff Writer

SNAP. You saw all the posters, and if you didn't go, now you can find out what it actually was! "SNAP" was a first-year student talent showcase that pulled together a wide array of talents ranging from singing all the way to juggling. This event was organized by the freshmen class' Student Council representatives, and was held last Thursday night from 8-10 p.m. in Parents' Plaza. This was the first installation of the show, and hopefully with the positive response that it received, it will not be the last.

SNAP was a display of all of the diverse talents in the Muhlenberg class of 2005 from piano-playing, to singing to juggling.

Photo courtesy of Ben Patton

The night was perfect, both in terms of the weather and in terms of the enthusiastic spirit of the crowd from which the performers were able to feed. The night's first act, Christina Liciaga, jumped on the stage to bright spotlights and cheers of her peers. She gave the audience two of her self-written 'slam poems,' that had the feeling of a passionate poet and the rhythm of an accomplished hip-hop star.

Then, Rob De Notarstefani and Mike O'Rourke with two other fellow jam-mates played an instrumental version of old Led Zeppelin classic and fan favorite, "Stairway to Heaven." Although they claimed that this was the first time that all four musicians on stage had ever played together, their performance did not miss a beat. Following them, John Crowley and Misael Garcia joined together on stage for what they called "an original piece."

Next up were Ryan Kavalsky and Alex Joujan clad in another one of their interesting get-ups. Together they lightened the mood of the crowd using their mutual admiration and respect for the musical and lyrical talents of their peers. They made the audience laugh with their friendly humor, and juggled on stage. While many do believe that this is a talent, it was hilarious to see these two silly guys in action.

Other acts included Phil Hass (singing), Mike O'Rourke playing "The Greatest song of All-Time," Phil LaPorta playing "A Few Cards Short of a Deck," Bri Goldsmith (spoken word), Mike Alexander and Dave Torciello playing "Sunshower," and finally Alex Joujan, Devon Ambler and Ryan Kavalsky singing "When You Say Nothing at All."

While the talent that was displayed by each and every performer kept everyone entertained for the full time slot, they also made many realize just how much talent is the Muhlenberg student body.

Pentecost: No day in the park

By Alison Hinks
Weekly Guest Writer

Reflecting on the experience, being seated by a kind usher in the Baker theater to see *Pentecost* this past Friday was like being seated point-blank in front of a pitching machine. The curtain rose and suddenly dense baseballs of information were thrown at the audience at mach speed. It didn't take long for audience members to squat down and start catching those suckers with bare hands, sometimes spitting out bloody teeth.

Pentecost is a challenge to see as the audience must work as hard to understand the story as the performers do to tell it. And with linguistic anthropology, European history, a cello and a naked priest fast piling up onstage, telling this story is no day in the park.

The play begins with the discovery of a painting in Renaissance style which seems to pre-date the current beginning of the period. The problem is that this painting is found in a country staggering to its feet after the lifting of the iron curtain in a church that has passed hands so many times that every major world religion seems to have a claim to it. Suddenly, the church is taken hostage by a group of refugees from mostly Baltic and Middle-Eastern countries.

Initial instinct is to identify each character with their country of origin, but quickly the levels of the word "origin" become as convoluted and meshed as the levels of the word "culture." Bits of these diverse cultures seem to constantly overlap and swirl together, and that does not preclude the painting from the living cultural stew. These people relate to each other through their indigenous culture, and most disturbingly through American pop culture which they greet equally with baited anger and intrinsic love.

And that strange duality is what is wonderful about *Pentecost*. It does not blame anyone or any country for the

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Muhlenberg's Top 5: Things Seniors Will Miss About Muhlenberg

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LOG BA'OMER
The background to this holiday and its celebration is a mystery to Jewish scholars. It is a happy day (the 33rd–"log" in Hebrew counting) between Passover and Shavuot (when the "omer" is counted daily to mark the 50-day season). One theory is that Log Ba'omer marks the end of a terrible plague during Rabbi Akiva's time, early in the 2nd centure CE. This "plague" may not refer to an illness, but rather to the Jewish revolt against Rome led by Bar Kochba, whom Akiva declared the messiah. Although the Romans defeated the revolt, this day may celebarte a victory over the Romans in one battle. This year, when the holiday is celebrated on April 30, the traditional observance will bring children outside to play in a park or countryside or a playground.

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Your prowess on the volleyball courts or in the swimming pool will be unmatched, Aries. Use your competitive fire to show everyone what you're capable of.

Taurus:
It seems like everyone's angling to be Ms. or Mr. Popular. If you don't feel like playing their game, then don't. Campaigning for prom queen or king just isn't your style.

Gemini:
Instead of silently disagreeing with what a teacher or classmate says, stand up and tell everyone what you think. Your debating skills will impress just about everyone, including yourself.

Cancer:
Before you betray someone's confidence, make sure you can afford to lose them as a friend. Creating enemies is never a good idea, so hold your tongue before dishing their dirt.

Leo:
You're radiating warmth today, which will make even the shyest people comfortable around you. Maybe that sweet, sensitive hottie you've had your eye on will work up enough nerve to ask you out.

Virgo:
Between family obligations, after-school commitments and homework, you're spread pretty thin. The last thing you need is to get all bent out of shape by small inconveniences. You have more important things to think about, Virgo!

Libra:
You've been wrapped up in Libra Land for a while now. In the meantime, a lot has happened. Spend some time catching up friends today.

Scorpio:
If you get yourself all stressed out over the work you have to do, you won't be very effective. Calm down, take a deep breath and just get it all done. It'll be a lot less painful than complaining about it first.

Sagittarius:
Sag has a fun, drama-free day to look forward to. Someone's planning a trip and wants you to join them — it has every possibility of turning out to be an awesome time, too.

Capricorn:
You've been loaning out so many pencils, now you don't have one for yourself. It's a metaphor, Cap: You've been giving so much of yourself to other people that there's nothing left for you. Reclaim what's yours.

Aquarius:
Your relationship has reached a turning point. It happened so suddenly that you're not exactly sure when the situation changed, but it did. You're going to have to decide what you really want before moving forward.

Pisces:
Pisces can't stop daydreaming during class! Try to keep your mind on school while your teacher lectures, otherwise you're going to be stumped when they call on you for the answer.

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High Crimes
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Panic Room
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Murder by Numbers
Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:10

Ice Age
Fri. 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20

Sweetest Thing
Fri. 6:40, 8:45, 11:05
Sat. 2:35, 4:35, 6:40, 8:45, 11:05
Sun. 2:35, 4:35, 6:40, 8:55

Pentecost: Worth a watch

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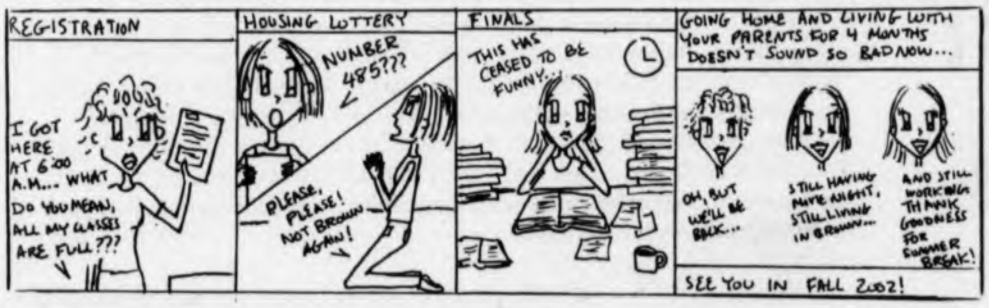
world's problems. It just pummels audience members with a million questions and themes about the horror and the beauty of life, and the irony that one can never be had without the other. Yasmin, the leader of the pack of refugees (played with huge power by Jamie McKittrick '04) quiets a crying baby with her shiny keys, then laments that they are to her home in Kuwait City, to which she will never return.

James Peck's direction brings together all these difficult themes, technical feats, Tim Averill's complex set, and the unparalleled hard work of the cast into a seamless vehicle to tell a truly touching story. But the touch, like the vehicle, is much more like a smash in the mouth than a warm hug. *Pentecost* is extremely hard to watch and twice as hard to understand, but the audience members all seemed to appreciate every battle-wound they received trying to do it.

Creative Corner

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS


REGISTRATION
I GOT HERE AT 6:00 A.M... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALL MY CLASSES ARE FULL???
HOUSING LOTTERY
NUMBER 485???
PLEASE, PLEASE! NOT BROWN AGAIN!
FINALS
THIS HAS CEASED TO BE FUNNY...
GOING HOME AND LIVING WITH YOUR PARENTS FOR 4 MONTHS DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD NOW...
OH, BUT WE'LL BE BACK...
STILL HAVING MOVIE NIGHT, STILL LIVING IN BROWN...
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Carter & Regensberg earn spots in record books

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dent. "It is nice to have individual records," commented Macaluso. "But our number one priority is to do well as a team."

Just a day after clinching their playoff spot, the Mules faced second-place Franklin and Marshall in a doubleheader at home on Saturday. The Mules were swept in the twin bill--the first time all season that the Mules have lost both games of a doubleheader.

Offensively, the Mules fell just short as a late rally in Game 2 left them one run shy of sending the game into extra innings. F & M led 6-2 going into the bottom of the seventh and final inning, but the Mules put up a fight. Carter smacked a two-run triple, which was followed by an RBI single from Carr to cut the lead to one run. Then, when Senior Mike Morris reached on a bunt single, the potential tying and winning runs were on base with no outs. F & M pitched out of the jam, however, forcing a double play and a groundout to end the game.

Junior pitcher Kevin Komeshok has struck out one batter and walked zero over the course of his last three games.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

The third seeded team in the Conference will host the fourth seed in a single-elimination contest. The winner of that game earns a right to travel to the number one seeded school, where they would face the second seeded team in a double-elimination round. The winner there would then play the number one seed of the Conference for the Championship.

The weekend's games put the Mules in a position to earn either the third or fourth seed in the CC tournament. "The third seed would be nice, because then we'd get to host a game," said Macaluso.

Golf and tennis travel to Conference tournaments

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Asst. Sports Editor

Four Muhlenberg teams are heading for their respective Centennial Conference tournaments this weekend, hoping to represent the College.

The men's and women's golf and tennis teams are traveling to compete beginning on Friday. The men's and women's golf teams are both travelnig to Berlin, Md. The golf championships are team oriented as well as individual.

Last week, the men's golf team faced several of its Centennial Conference opponents in a tournament at Franklin & Marshall. The Mules finished third at the tournament, behind Gettysburg, a CC opponent and The College of New Jersey, a non-Conference opponent. With their score of 330 at this tournament, the Mules finished ahead of F & M, Swarthmore, Dickinson and Ursinus, all Conference opponents.

Throughout the season, the women's golf team has competed only on an individual basis. The Mules have not had enough golfers to compete as a team during the season, but they will have a chance to earn individual honors this week.

The tennis championships will take place at Haverford College beginning on Friday afternoon as well. All competitions are individual.

The men's tennis team is 4-2 against CC opponents heading into the tournament. The Mules' number one doubles team of Juniors Brad Scheller and Matt Flessig is undefeated this season, but they have yet to face the powerhouse of the Conference, Washington College.

The women's tennis team is 9-1 in the Conference prior to the tournament. Number one singles player Sophomore Gena Ross has just one loss this season, dropping a match at Haverford last Wednesday. The number two doubles team of Ross and Freshman Emily Oster has yet to lose a match all season, stacking up a record of 12-0 thus far.

Attention Freshmen Women:
Interested in Sorority Life?

Panhel is organizing a pre-rush event.

WHO: Freshmen Women

WHAT: It will be a barbeque for all interested women in rush.

WHERE: Outside on the lot between Delta Zeta and Alpha Chi. The rain location is the fieldhouse.

WHEN: Thursday, April 25th 5:00 - 7:00

WHY: Members from all four sororities will be present and it is a great opportunity to meet the women involved in the greek community. The goal of this event is to give everyone the chance to ask questions and to simply make new friends.

The sororities are eager to meet you all! If you have any questions please contact Kristin Kish (x4989).

Phi Mu Congratulates Seniors

Jamie Alvo
Erin Anderson
Jen Bloom
Tracey Cetel
Allie DeKorte
Darien DeVries
Bonnie Goodman
Michelle Kaplin
Amelia Letnes
Meredith Libercci
Pam Neuman
Melinda Seff
Hannah Stern

Good Luck, We'll Miss You,
And We Love You!

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Website

Women's Tennis

Team ranked number nine by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

South Atlantic Rankings

1. Emory
2. Washington & Lee
3. Rhodes
4. University of the South
5. Methodist
6. Salisbury
7. Mary Washington
8. Washington
9. ***Muhlenberg***
10. Johns Hopkins
11. Swarthmore
12. Hollins
13. Carnegie-Mellon
14. Franklin & Marshall
15. Bridgewater

The Muhlenberg women's tennis team is ninth in the Division III South Atlantic Region, according to rankings released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Curiously, the Mules (11-1) are ranked behind Washington, whom they defeated, and ahead of Johns Hopkins, to whom they lost.

Muhlenberg is currently tied for first place in the Centennial Conference with Washington. Each team has one CC match remaining. Five of the 11 teams in the league are ranked in the top 15 .

Mules find a way to win, 5-4 over Haverford.

The Muhlenberg women's tennis team tied the school record for wins in a season and kept its Centennial Conference title hopes alive by edging Haverford, 5-4.

The Mules (11-1, 8-1) are tied for first place in the CC with Washington, a 6-3 winner against Bryn Mawr. Each team has one league match remaining, against Dickinson – Washington on Saturday and Muhlenberg next Wednesday. If both teams win, they will be co-champions.

A three-set win by senior Jennifer Chung at third singles keyed the win for the Mules, who won two of three doubles matches. Sophomores Sarah Niebler and Megan Schreiber teamed up for a win at third doubles and also won their singles matches. Sophomore Gena Ross won at doubles but suffered her first singles loss of the season.

The Mules previously won 11 matches in 1986, 1987 and 2001.

Women's Lacrosse

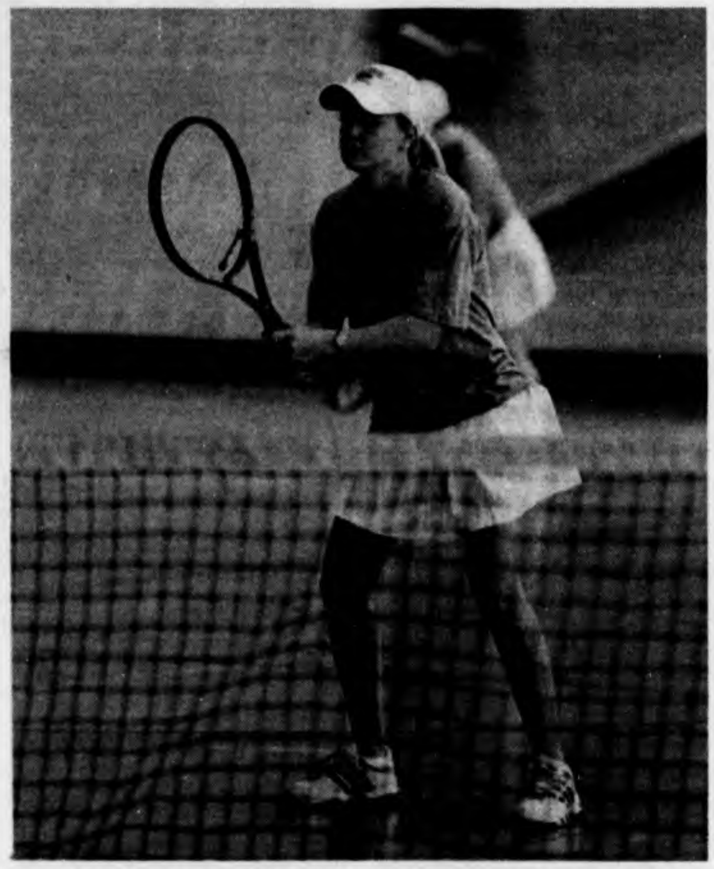
Mules put doubt in the minds of nationally ranked in an 8-15 loss.

The Muhlenberg lacrosse team played even with 11th-ranked Drew for three-quarters of the game before falling, 15-8.

The Mules (3-10), who trailed by three goals early in the first half, were down only 4-2 at halftime and tied the score at 6-6 on a goal by junior Sarah Bowman with 15:09 to play in the second half. But the Rangers (11-2) reeled off the next five goals in a span of 3:26 to take control.

Freshman Diana Bleakley made 20 saves for her third 20-save game of the season, setting a school record with 222 stops for the season.

Senior Teresa Lunardi scored three goals to lead Muhlenberg. Junior Lynsey Caldwell recorded her school-record 18th assist of the season.



Sophomore Megan Schrieber awaits a serve. The Mules women's tennis team was ranked number nine by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Track breaks twenty-six records this year

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sive performance of the day was that of the 4x400 relay team that broke a thirteen-year-old record, with an solid time of 4:15.37.

This would go down as Macomber's second record on the day, along with fellow Freshman Samantha Sachleben and Sophomores Diana Garretto and Lesley Bruno.

Two other Mule women had very successful outings in this non-scoring event. Sachleben qualified for the ECAC championships by notching a time of 2:24.44 in the 800 meter, just over a second short of the school record.

Senior Katie Garrett showed that she was not yet prepared to move on from Muhlenberg with a second place finish in the steeplechase with a time of 12:11.04, this left her almost twenty full seconds behind her own school record of 11:52.44 set earlier this season.

The women were not the only ones to bring back school records at the Invitational. Junior Brendan Gallagher broke a school record in the 3,00 meter setting a time of 8:52.88, (the fourth school record he has broken). Gallager finished the race in the fourth place spot.

Senior Jim Hayes also had an impressive outing. Hays managed four throws of the javelin that were over 175 feet, and marked a personal best, 178 feet 5 inches.

This landed him a sixth place finish and came close to breaking teammate Randy Holak's record distance of 182-9 feet.

With the school year coming to a close, the Men's and Women's track and field team can look back on a season of much success, breaking twenty-six records this year. Looking on to next year the Mules are anxiously awaiting a new class as well as anticipating another secessful season from the rising freshmen class.

Softball team drops two to Western Maryland

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Sophomore pitcher Danielle DeLucia struck out seven Green Terror batters in Game 2 and classmate Jaclyn Maser tripled in each game, but neither feat was enough for the Mules, who fell to 10-4 in the Conference.

On Tuesday, the Mules traveled to Ursinus, however, trying to break the tie for third in the Conference and determine the seeds for the upcoming tournament. The Mules split the doubleheader with the Bears to earn the fourth seed in the tournament.

DeLucia pitched a five-hit shutout in the second game of the night, while Tyson pitched a five-hitter as well, but in a losing effort. Both games were decided by just two runs as the Bears took the opener, 3-1 and the Mules won the second, 2-0.

In Game 2, Tyson singled home the Mules' first run with a single in the top of the fifth. She then preserved the shutout, throwing a Bear runner out at the plate from centerfield. The Mules' second run came on a groundout from Freshman Katie Serfass that scored Junior Meghan Woods, who led off the inning with a double.

In other Centennial Conference action on Tuesday, Western Maryland College swept their doubleheader with Gettysburg College securing hosting rights for the entirety of the tournament.

The tournament seedings are as follows: Western Maryland (#1), Gettysburg (#2), Ursinus (#3), and Muhlenberg (#4). The tournament begins on Saturday at 10 a.m. when Gettysburg takes on Ursinus. Muhlenberg and Western Maryland square off a half-hour fol-

Centennial Conference Championships

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28
at Haverford College
WOMEN'S TENNIS
MEN'S TENNIS

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28
at Berlin Maryland
WOMEN'S GOLF
MEN'S GOLF

FACTS & FIGURES

Compiled by Sarah Niebler

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The number of points the Mules lost the Matte Award by this year. One point is awarded for each varsity sport win when Muhlenberg and Moravian face off.

4

The combined number of runs that separated the Mules from the Ursinus Bears in Tuesday's doubleheader. The Bears won Game 1, 3-1 and the Mules won Game 2, 2-0.

9

The ranking the women's tennis team earned this season. The team is ranked in the Division III South Atlantic Rankings.

24

The number of times Senior baseball player Josh Carter's name appears on the baseball all-time record list.

26

The number of school records the track and field teams have broken this academic year.

237

The number of saves Freshman lacrosse goalie Diana Bleakley recorded this season. This places her first on the all-time save list.

Some good comes out of a tennis loss

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

Before having two games postponed over the weekend, the Men's tennis team was pitted up against a tough Haverford team. Though the Mules have only lost two Conference games, and stand with a Centennial Conference record of 4-2, they knew that the match would not be a walk in the park. Though the Mules were tied with the Fords coming into the match with one Conference loss apiece, the Mules struggled to win just one match. Even with a 6-1 loss, there were several Mules who were able to keep their heads high on the fifty-mile trek back to Muhlenberg.

The Junior doubles pairing of Brad Scheller and Matt Flessig rallied in their match to fight off seven match points which all led to an inevitable tie break. Carrying this momentum into a tie breaker, the team was able to remain undefeated this season, with a win, 9-8 (8-6). In the fourth spot, Freshman Jeff Kraft took his singles match in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

With three matches left in the season, (two of which were rescheduled from this past week), the Mules have an outside shot of taking the top spot in the conference. Unfortunately, all of the Mules' opponents during the remainder of the season have winning records.

If the Mules win the remaining three games of their season combined with two losses by Washington (who the Mules have yet to face), there is a shot of tying the Shoremen for second place in the Centennial Conference.

Junior Brad Scheller hits an approach shot in doubles. Scheller and classmate Matt Fleissig are the Mules' undefeated number on doubles team.

Photo By Scott Swartz

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Matt Meyers

Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Roman Cechmanek didn't practice Sunday because of an ankle injury and might miss Game 3 against the Ottawa Senators. "It's still sore, but it's not too bad for playing," Cechmanek said. The best-of-seven Eastern Conference series is tied 1-1 and resumes Monday night in Ottawa. Cechmanek missed 13 games last month with a sprained right ankle. He struggled at first when he returned but allowed just two goals in his last two regular-season starts, and got the nod over Brian Boucher in the playoffs.

Red Auerbach puffed on a cigar and leaned on a cane after his Boston Celtics, full of life if far from the peak of their powers, returned to the playoffs after a six-year absence. The man whose teams turned up the decibel level in the old Boston Garden, winning 16 titles over four decades, enjoyed the crowd during Sunday's 92-82 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers. "I was very impressed with the reaction of the fans," the Celtics' 84-year-old patriarch and president said in their locker room. "They've certainly demonstrated how a sixth man can help, regardless of the fact that they didn't score a point."

As the Pittsburgh Pirates sat through another long rain delay, a replay of their Game 5 victory over Atlanta in the 1992 NL playoffs was shown on the PNC Park scoreboard. Lloyd McClendon, now the Pirates manager, was glad there was enough time before play began to show his run-scoring double. "My players were waiting to give it to me," McClendon said. "But I got a double and they couldn't say anything." No, but, perhaps inspired by their manager, they did do something with their own bats. After waiting out the 82-minute delay, they needed far less time than that Sunday to work over Phillies pitcher Brandon Duckworth, who gave up seven runs in 1 2/3 innings of Pittsburgh's 9-3 victory.

Continuing to stockpile depth in the secondary, the Philadelphia Eagles selected South Carolina cornerback Sheldon Brown with the 59th pick in Saturday's NFL draft. The Eagles also opted for help in the secondary with the 58th pick, taking Colorado safety Michael Lewis. In the first round, the Eagles selected Florida cornerback Lito Sheppard. Last season, the Eagles had one of the strongest pass defenses in the NFL, ranking second. They fell one win shy of reaching the Super Bowl, losing to the pass-happy St. Louis Rams in the NFC championship game.

Scoreboard

Men's Golf
Mon. April 22
Franklin and Marshall
Invitational,
3rd place overall.

Baseball
Fri. April 19
at Dickinson, 11-6
Sat. April 20 vs.
Franklin & Marshall,
1-5 and 5-6

Men's Tennis
Tue., April 16 vs.
Haverford, 1-6.

Women's Tennis
Wed. April 18
at Haverford,
5-4.

Track and Field
Lafayette Invitational
(Record Breakers,
Individual Events)
Ashlie Hankee, 100 Meter
Hurdles, 16.51 seconds.

Women's Lacrosse
Wed. April 17 at Drew, 8-15.
Sat., April 20 vs. Western
Maryland, 8-18.

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SPORTS

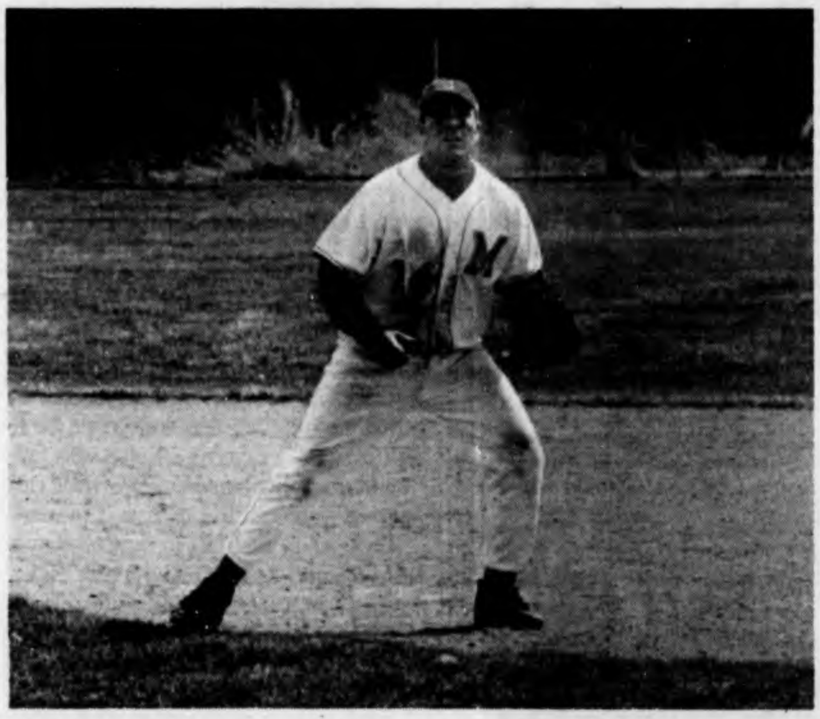
Mules earn spots in Conference championships

By Sarah Niebler
Asst. Sports Editor

By virtue of the win on Friday, the Mules' baseball team clinched a spot in the playoffs as well as tied the school record for number of wins in a season. Playing at Dickinson just three days after hosting the same Red Devil team and defeating them, 12-6, the Mules produced similar results in Carlisle. "We still haven't broken the record," said head coach Robert Macaluso. "But to get to 20 wins in a season would be a nice accomplishment."

The Mules jumped out to an early lead against Dickinson, scoring three runs in the first three innings of the game. The Mules scored an unearned run in the second inning off of a Dickinson error. The Mules' next two runs came in the third as Junior Justin Rubenstein and Senior Josh Carter, on first and second, carried out an effective double-steal. Rubenstein then scored as an errant throw from the Dickinson catcher soared into left field. Carter scored the Mules' third run on a sacrifice fly from Junior Ben Carr.

The Mules only increased their lead as the game progressed, plating another two runs in the fourth inning and five-spot in the sixth inning.



Senior Benjamin Leisawitz makes a move towards first base in an effort to end the inning.

Muhlenberg Weekly File Photo

In the top of the fourth, with two outs, the Mules strung together three hits, two of them extra base hits, to extend their lead to 5-0.

The two-out streak was led by a double from Freshman Matt Long, a triple by Junior Justin Graf and a single by Rubenstein. The top of the sixth saw more extra base hits, the big shot coming from Rubenstein as he pounded a two-run triple.

Dickinson began to cut into the Mules' lead in the bottom of the sixth, scoring two runs of their own, but the Mules escaped from the inning with a commanding 10-3 lead. Dickinson scored another two runs in the bottom of the eighth, but the Mules managed to add an insurance run in the top of the ninth. The Mules won the game by the final score of 11-6. "We really felt like we had to beat Dickinson," said Macaluso. "We knew [winning both games] would give us a good shot to get into the playoffs and we felt like they were a team we should handle."

With the win, the Mules as a team not only clinched a playoff spot, but two Mules individually made their ways into the record books. Carter grounded a single through the right side to earn his 177th career hit, which places him first on the all-time hit list. "Carter is just breaking all sorts of Muhlenberg records," said Macaluso.

Freshman pitcher Aaron Regensburg also tied the school record for number of five wins in a season for a first-year stu-

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'Berg softball looking to win CC Tournament again

The Mules' softball team is heading back to the playoffs. After winning the tournament last year as the number three seed, the Mules head into this year's tournament as the number four seed.

The Mules split with Ursinus on Tuesday, placing them fourth in the CC with a record of 11-5. Hosting rights of the tournament were determined Tuesday night when Gettysburg faced Western Maryland.

When the Mules faced the Green Terror of Western Maryland over the weekend, the defending tournament champs and the defending regular-season champs did not disappoint their fans. Both games of the doubleheader were low scoring and close, but the Green Terror edged the Mules in both games by the final scores of 3-1 and 3-2.

Despite taking an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, the Mules could not hold on to win the first game. Senior Angie Tyson scattered eight hits over seven innings, but even that was too many as the Green Terror scored a run in the top of the fourth to tie the game and then another two runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead and eventually win the game.

In the second game, the Mules trailed 2-0 after three innings, but tied the game by scoring one run in both the fifth and sixth innings. The Mules' run in the sixth came on an RBI triple from Junior Kelly Berg.

The Green Terror, who were undefeated in the Conference until Sunday, scored the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh on a bases-loaded walk.

The Mules made an effort at a comeback, stringing together three consecutive singles in the bottom of the seventh, but with two outs, they were unable to plate the tying run and send the game into extra innings.

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Track team breaks four records at Lafayette

By Matt Meyers
Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg outdoor track and field team continued its record-breaking ways this past weekend at the Lafayette Invitational. The afternoon would see four school records broken, including two by Freshmen Ashlie Hankee and Katie Macomber.

In their sixth, and second to last, meet of the season, the Mules were not planning on leaving Bethlehem, Pa. without gaining some attention from the rest of the competition (which was primarily made up of Division I and II schools including Princeton, Rutgers University, and local rival Moravian).

The morning began with Hankee setting the tempo for the day by breaking her personal best and school record in the 100 meter hurtles with a time of 16.51 seconds. With one school record already behind her, Hankee needed help from the rest of the 4x100 meter relay team and fellow Freshmen Carolyn Schoen, Amy Ratner and Macomber to break a second record on the day. The team was able to shave fifteen one hundredths of a second off their record time of 52.40 to 52.25 seconds.

Perhaps the most impres-

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